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Fiend's 411

The South Slope sex fiend or fiends! — has been on

a spree since March: • March 20, 11:30 pm: He attacked a 24-year-old woman on 16th Street between Fourth and Fifth avenues

• May 3, 11:20 pm: He wielded aknife to force a 32-year-old woman into a Ridge Boulevard driveway,

but she managed to escape.
• May 29, 10:25 pm: He attempted to rape a 20-year-old woman near 55th Street in Sunset Park.

• June 4, 2:55 am: He followed a woman from a Dunkin' Donuts in Sunset Park to her home near 55th Street and raped her.

• June 25, 4 am: He followed a 36-year-old Sunset Park woman at 4 am, but she scared him off.
• Aug. 26, 8:45 pm: He at-

tacked a woman on Prospect and Sixth avenues in South Slope, but fled when she screamed. •Sept. 3, 12:15 am: He

grabbed a woman from behind on Seventh Avenue near 17th Street, but she chased him away. • **Sept. 4, 3:40 pm:** He attacked a woman near 49th Street

in Sunset Park, but she fought •Sept. 8, 11:30 pm: He at-

tacked a woman on 12th Street between Eighth Avenue and Prospect Park West.

•Sept. 9, 12:30 am: He attacked a woman near Seventh Avenue and Ninth Street.

NEW RAPE FEAR

Cops now seeking several Slope sex fiends

By Kate Briquelet ne Brooklyn Papei

The new sketch

Police are now seeking at least two sex fiends in this summer's terrifying attacks on women in the South Slope

and surrounding neighborhoods with cops revealing two more victims, bringing the total number of atdozen.

tacks to nearly a Deputy Inspector Raul Pintos of the 72nd Precinct said that cops

are investigating whether attacks on Sept. 8 and Sept. 9 in Park Slope are part of the pattern of seven attempted rapes and one rape in Bay Ridge, Sunset Park and South Slope.

At the same time, cops have been circulating a third sketch of a suspect in a Sept. 4 attack in Sunset Park.

'Now we believe there are two, maybe three individuals involved," Pintos said. "After talking to victims, some of the descriptions seem to vary. The latest victims describe the suspect to be muscular, which was not the case before."

In the Sept. 9 incident, a sicko attacked a woman near Seventh Avenue and Ninth Street at about 12:30 am. Police did not provide further in-

A day earlier, a Park Slope woman said that she was on 12th Street between Eighth Avenue and Prospect Park West at about 11:30 pm when the creep grabbed her from behind. She screamed and her neighbors chased away the brute.

The victim described him as 5-foot-4 with dark hair, last seen wearing a black

Her neighbors called the cops, but officers never showed up. Police officials said they received no calls, but the would-be victim wasn't buying it. See **FIENDS** on page 2



Kensington resident Donya Dickerson said the South Slope rapist exposed himself to her while on the F train near the Prospect Park stop.

Victim: Tip line failed

By Kate Briquelet The Brooklyn Paper

A Kensington woman says that the South Slope rapist flashed her on the subway last week, but when she called police with a tip, they hung up on heran allegation that adds new evidence to residents' complaints that cops aren't doing enough to nab the creep who's attacked nine women since March.

Donya Dickerson said that a Crime Stoppers officer shrugged her off when she called on Sept. 6 to provide crucial details about the sex fiend's whereabouts.

"I was shocked at the lack of concern," Dickerson said. "It makes me See TIP on page 2



Michael Reinhard and Kumiko Masaoka celebrate the joyous return of the wayward Terrier, Winston, who was believed to

Best friends

Beloved pup Winston is back after strange disappearance

By Natalie O'Neill ne Brooklyn Paper

Winston is back!

A Prospect Heights couple's hunt for its beloved dog has ended with joy — and serious allegations against a cop who apparently tried to pawn the pooch off on strangers so he wouldn't have to deal with the paperwork.

Michael Reinhardt and Kumiko Masaoka reunited with their lovable white West Highland Terrier on Sunday after a Brownsville woman who spotted a flier about the dog -called to tell them that she'd had the pup for over a month.
"I couldn't believe it," said Re-

inhardt, comparing the feeling to finding a lost child. "It's a good

Up until Sunday, Reinhardt—a doctor at SUNY Downstate Med-

lieved that their 1-year-old best friend had been stolen because a police officer told him three conwomen had convinced him they owned the pup.

But Crystal French, the 24-yearold who returned Winston, told Reinhardt that the cop had in fact asked her to take Winston, explaining he didn't have time to do the paperwork.

Several other witnesses — whom Reinhardt encountered while hanging fliers near Franklin Avenue. where Winston went missing made similar claims, noting that the officer had asked several peo-

ple to "adopt" the pooch. "He asked them if they wanted a free dog," Reinhardt said, adding he believes French's story and See WINSTON on page 2

LIU profs accept contract Teachers return to work after heated six-day strike over wages

By Kate Briquelet

A city panel unanimously ap-

proved a controversial new his-

toric district in Downtown on

Tuesday — despite opposition

from residents who demanded

that officials remove their co-

op building from the landmarked

The Brooklyn Paper

By Natalie O'Neill

The Brooklyn Paper

Professors at Long Island University have accepted a new contract in a compromise that ends a six-day strike. Faculty members — who last week

organized a walkout to protest a contract offer that they say didn't offer "a living wage" — ratified a deal that offers more than what administrators first proposed, but less than what they



Rebecca States, the treasurer of the professors' union.

Instructors — whose salaries start

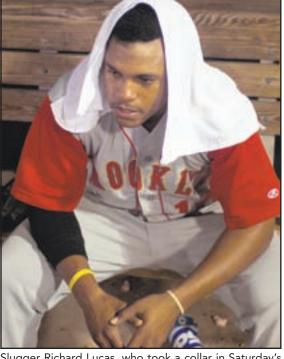
at \$56,000 and can rise to \$90,000 voted to approve a new contract that offers 6-1/2-percent raises over a fiveyear period, along with a lump-sum payment equal to four percent of their

That's a bit better than the school's first offer: A contract that froze faculty salaries for three years, offered a five-percent lump-sum payment, and

granted the possibility of a four-percent salary increase — but only if tuition rose during the last two years of the contract.

Professors called the union negotiation a step in the right direction but certainly not a triumph.

"It's an imperfect victory," said Ralph Engelman, a journalism professor who organized the strike after the teachers' contract, which had given them five-See **LIU** on page 13



Slugger Richard Lucas, who took a collar in Saturday's loss, is the picture of despair.

DAMN YANKEES

Staten Island beats Brooklyn

WILL DONNELLY

BE BACK?

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and crisp fielding, but too many

missed opportunities, including

failing to score twice with run-

the New York-Penn League

championship three nights later,

completing a two-game sweep

nities, but we played our hearts

out," said Cyclones manager

"We missed some opportu-

See **LOSS** on page 4

of the Auburn Doubledays.

The Yankees went on to win

ners on third and one out.

The Landmarks Preservation are afraid we're going to rip this Commission passed the Borough building down when we spent mil-

Hall Skyscraper Historic District, which aims to preserve a slew of have long tried to galvanize their early-1900s towers along Court Street — including 75 Livings-

Panel clears the way for new 'Skyscraper Historic District'

CITY HIGH ON ZONE

ing in the district.
"I'm very disappointed," said Paula Ingram, a local real-estate broker who lives in the 32-story co-op. "It's outrageous that people

lions of dollars to restore it.' Residents of 75 Livingston St.

forces against the district, comton St., the only residential buildplaining that the designation will cause maintenance fees to soar because of the intricate rules of the historic districts.

And they weren't alone. In July, some of the most powerful names in real estate urged Commission Chairman Robert Tierney to axe

the proposal, saying it would hamper new retail in the area around Borough Hall.

But Landmarks officials weren't buying it.

"If there's controversy about this district, it's a misunderstanding," said Commissioner Michael Devonshire. "There are both physical and financial benefits of landmarking the district.

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Glenn Van Bramer, Mary McNeil, and Ellen Murphy are upset that their building remains in the Skyscraper Historic District.

Not An Alternative has packed up and moved to cheaper

Artists & flee

Galleries, studios abandonina expensive, chic Williamsburg

By Aaron Short The Brooklyn Paper

Williamsburg is no longer an

arts community.

Two of the last bastions of artistic creation in North Brooklyn are closing this month after proA MONSTER EVENT **SEE PAGE 12**

over the past seven years.

Secret Project Robot, an arts viding performance and exhibispace on Kent Avenue that regtion space to thousands of artists ularly hosted experimental art installations, and Not An Alternative, a co-working space on Havemeyer Street known as a hub for neighborhood activism, will move to Bushwick and Greenpoint, respectively, after finding themselves priced out.

Secret Project Robot's lease ran out this summer after seven years. The building's owner, the Chetrit Group, plans to tear down the entire block-long complex, which includes music studios, a screenprinting shop and a surfing store, to build a retail space for a grocery store, a real-estate source said.

A specialty barber shop will be See **ARTISTS** on page 12

Gunman on the loose Armed robber at large in Fort Greene Park

By Kate Briquelet The Brooklyn Paper

Police arrested a gunman who

went on a robbing spree in Fort Greene Park last week, but another armed thug is on the loose — a sign that crime isn't slowing down in the idyllic greenspace. Cops arrested a 49-year-old

man on Sept. 10 in connection

with three stickups, but the next

day, a different lunatic tried to rob a Brooklyn Hospital nurse at gunpoint as she took a break in the park.

Brooke Steven said she was near Willoughby and St. Edwards streets at 3:15 pm when the perp flashed a gun and demanded cash. He fled without harming her.

"It was sunny out and there were all these kids running around

where with a gun," Steven said. "Honest to god, I thought he was ioking. Deputy Inspector Anthony

and this guy comes out of no-

Tasso, the 88th Precinct's commanding officer, said he will boost patrols near St. Edwards Street to prevent more muggings like the spate last week, half of which occurred in broad daylight

See **GUNMAN** on page 12



IT'S TURNER!

GOP grabs Weiner's seat officeholder's sexual pecca-

By Thomas Tracy The Brooklyn Paper

A retired Republican businessman who has never held elective office trounced a career Democrat in the special election to succeed Rep. Anthony Weiner — a six-week slugfest that turned into a referendum less on the prior

dillos and more on President Obama. Former TV executive Bob

Turner beat Assemblyman David Weprin, 54-46 percent, with 88 percent of the votes counted. This is an historic race,"

See **GOP** on page 5



By Gersh Kuntzman The Brooklyn Paper

The Cyclones' quasi-miracle

2011 season ended as the hated

Staten Island Yankees won the decisive Game 3 of their play-

off series in an exhilarating,

The teams had split the first

two games of the series, with

Staten Island winning 2-0 on

Thursday night, but the Cyclones

avenging that loss with a good

old fashioned 12–5 pounding on

Friday afternoon on the Rock.

the momentum going. In fact, the

Cyclones' Saturday night loss was

a mirror on the team's season it-

self, with some stunning pitching

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Hasbajrami had been attempting to leave the country for more than a month, officials say. He bought a ticket

they "hear it is for jihad."

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By Dan MacLeod The Brooklyn Paper

A Bay Ridge man who was arrested at Kennedy Airport last Tuesday for allegedly sending money to terrorists in Pakistan complained that he had to leave the neighborhood because he couldn't raise enough terror cash from Muslim-Americans there

Agron Hasbajrami, 27, was charged with sending more than \$1,000 to an extremist in Pakistan — but the arrest also included a measure of vindication for the long-smeared Bay Ridge Islamic community.

E-mails between Hasbairami and his Pakistani contact reveal that he needed to leave this country for the notorious last home of Osama Bin

Laden because he was having a difficult time collecting money from Bay Ridge Muslims once he told them that the funds were for jihad.

The indictment does not elaborate on how Hasbajrami sought out funds from local Muslims, but local leaders pointed with pride at his lack of success at generating cash for Islamic extremism. "This is the first time that

[anyone] ever admitted anything good about us," said Zein Rimawi, a board member of Arab Muslim American Federation. "It's very difficult to raise money here for something like that."

Another local Arab leader, Linda Sarsour, said that it's time for her outsiders to stop smearing her community as anti-American.

"Muslims are involved in every part of the com-- from the community board to the Fifth Avenue Business Improvement District," said Sarsour, who heads the Arab-American Association of New York. We do not have terror cells

Terror cash crunch

Rimawi said that the vindication of local Muslims should lead to an end of surveillance and spying by the NYPD, which has admitted to using CIA tactics to spy on Muslim and Arab communities. "The police will follow

in the community.'

someone around for a year and a half," said Rimawi, who added that he did not think Hasbajrami was guilty.

"This is a civil rights issue. I don't trust the police cause fellow Muslims be-

department and FBI. They should be ashamed of them-

selves Hasbajrami pleaded not guilty at his arraignment in

Brooklyn Federal Court last Friday. His lawyer, Nancy Ennis, did not respond to a request for comment. It could not be determined

where he worked or what he did in his three years living in Brooklyn since he emigrated from Albania in 2008.

At some point, he told his contact that he wanted to travel to Pakistan to "marry with the girls in paradise' — jihadist code for dying as a martyr - and promised to bring money to help the cause. Later, though, he claimed it was difficult to raise cash in Brooklyn be-

Ridge man couldn't raise 'jihad' money from locals last month to Turkey, but canceled it. He then purchased

another ticket to Turkey last Monday and was arrested at the airport the next day while carrying a tent, boots and cold-weather gear. Authorities also said that

they found a note in his apartment that read, "Do not wait for invasion. The time is martyrdom time."

This isn't the first time a Brooklyn man was accused of being a terrorist. A federal jury in July convicted Betim Kaziu, 23, of a similar charge, after he traveled to Cairo and tried to join terrorist groups in hopes by fighting US troops in Afghanistan

and Iraq to die a martyr. And feds foiled a plot in the late 1990s to blow up Atlantic Terminal, arresting two Palestinians in their Park Slope terror pad before they could pull off their dastardly plan.

FIENDS...

"Does someone actually have to be brutally raped before something is done?" the victim said. "Why would the cops not show up? Is anyone out there looking for this guy?"

Pintos said that the Sept. 4 incident in Sunset Park involved a 24-year-old woman who told cops that she was near 49th Street at 3:40 am when a sicko grabbed her from behind. She fought him off and he fled.

Police describe that suspect as a 5-foot-6, 28- to 32-year-old man last seen wearing a red T-shirt and black pants.

The day before, a monster attacked a woman on Sept. 3 on Seventh Avenue near 17th Street at 12:15 am.

A week earlier, he brazenly grabbed a woman near Prospect and Sixth avenues at 8:45 pm — prompting police from the 72nd Precinct to boost patrols and hand out 'Wanted" fliers across the neighborhood.

But some residents in the Slope are questioning whether the sex sprees will

"Why don't police just catch the guy?" said Sara, a 30-year-old who withheld her last name out of fear of being targeted by one of the maniacs. "Do I need to get Mace or carry scissors? I have little spray bottles that I'll put bleach in. If that motherf—er gets close to me, he gets bleach in his eyes!"

Andrea Harner, 35, who lives within blocks of the latest attack, said she'll think twice about walking alone in Park Slope.

"I feel horrible and scared and don't know what we can do," she said. "It's not encouraging that the cops didn't get there on Thursday."

To make matters worse, last week one woman told The Brooklyn Paper that a Crime Stoppers officer hung up on her when she tried to provide a tip on a man who flashed her on the subway and fit the description of the South Slope rapist.

Police have been seeking their first suspect—described as a 5-foot-7, 165-pound man — since March, when he tried to rape a woman on 16th Street and she screamed until he fled. Back then, one witness said that he tried to provide cops with a surveillance tape, but got no response from the police until he released the shocking tape to



the news media.

Cops should not be looking for the "normal" rapist. who seeks to terrorize individuals, but a serial criminal who actually enjoys knowing that an entire community is on edge, said Elizabeth Jeglic, a professor at Manhattan's John Jay College of Criminal Justice and expert on sex offenders.

"It doesn't sound like the individual is very sophisticated," she said. "If the goal was really to rape someone, he would likely be more successful. And the fact that he's continuing despite all

the publicity would indicate something's driving him to do this.

By that, Jeglic means at least of one of the suspects could be an exhibitionist becoming more aroused by community alarm. She said that the suspect

could also be a "frotteur," a person who gropes a victim without consent just for the distressing reaction. These types of offenders — who are stimulated by the power and control - often pounce and run away.

"He will be caught sooner than later," Jeglic said. "He's

(Above) Jessica Silk (left) and Camille Cruz handed out fliers at Fourth Avenue and 17th Street on

Monday night for the new neighborhood group Safe Slope. (At left) Tammyli Gonzalez has been leading packed classes for women on how to defend themselves from the South Slope sex fiend.

doing this very overtly." Residents aren't wasting

any time in organizing the community against the creep. One new neighborhood watch group, Safe Slope, is organizing self-defense classes and are preparing a rally on Wednesday at the Prospect Avenue subway station at 17th Street.

"People are fearful, but there's strength in num-bers," said South Slope resident Jessica Silk, a founder of the new group. "There's a lot of eyes and ears on the street who can help the police effort."

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Continued from page 1 wonder if they are being dismissive to other leads that come in - and that is very

scary! South Slope and Greenwood Heights residents have long been critical of police efforts to catch the fiend, who last attacked a woman on Sept. 3 on Seventh Ave-

nue near 17th Street. from the 72nd Precinct began boosting patrols and handing out and posting "Wanted" fliers across the Slope, Bay Ridge and Sunset Park, where the would-be rapist has struck seven times

once successfully. Dickerson said she had seen one of the fliers, so she knew what to do on Aug. 30, when she was on a Man-

hattan-bound F train and the fiend exposed himself to her near the 15 Street-Prospect

The brute exited at Jay Street-Metrotech at 7:15 am, sporting a green duffle bag key details that Dickerson said she wanted to con-

vey to Crime Stoppers But the operator, a police officer, wouldn't take the information.

In fact, Dickerson said that the cop was rude.

"So what, do you have his allegedly asked her sarcastically in an exchange first reported by the blog Fucked in Park Slope on Thursday.

Police have a different take on the incident, reminding that the "Wanted" fliers ask people with information to phone the Brooklyn Special Victims Squad — not Crime Stoppers, the better-known hotline that many citizens be-

lieve where they should direct crime tips.

"From this conversation, she didn't have any info about who it is," said an NYPD spokesman who refused to give his name. "Crime Stoppers is a resource for people who know who the guy is. What we have here is a mis-

understanding. But Greenwood Heights resident Aaron Brashear, founding member of Concerned Citizens of Greenwood Heights, said he wasn't surprised by the

"If police are asking people to come forward to give information and they're essentially harassed for doing so, what's the point of having the hotline?" he said.

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cops with a surveillance tape, but got no response from the police until he released the shocking tape to the news media.

Since then, he's raped one woman and attempted to rape five others.

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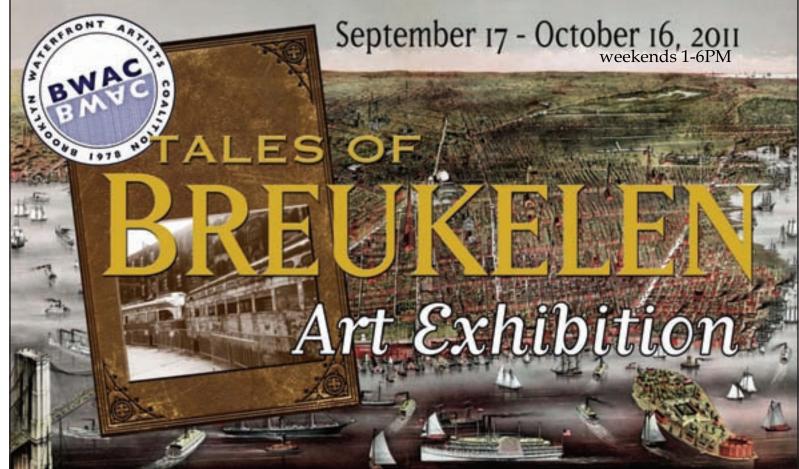
she screamed. Police haven't determined whether the same monster is responsible for the Sept. 3 attack, though victim's descriptions are similar.

Residents have formed a neighborhood watch group in hopes of spurring more police effort. The group is organizing self-defense classes and was set to host a rally on Wednesday night at the Pros-

pect Avenue subway station at 17th Street. "Given that people are going to be reluctant to call

Crime Stoppers now, we're going to take it into our own hands," Brashear said. Anyone with information on the South Slope rapist is

asked to call Brooklyn Special Victims Squad at (718) 230-4415, not Crime Stop-



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considers her credible. "It's not right.

Reinhardt's nightmare began in early August, after he and Masaoka left the Ra Ra Riot concert in Prospect Park with the dog at around They headed to the park's

Long Meadow, but Winston got spooked by a flashing dog collar light and ran away during off-leash hours. He was wearing a dog collar, but not his dog tag. A would-be rescuer found

the outgoing pup soon after but, instead of taking him to a shelter, she handed him over to the officer. But that's where the stories diverge. The police offer this ac-

count: Officer Yen, whose first name has not been provided, only relinquished the dog after three women in a black sedan lied to him, saying that they were Winston's rightful owners. But French and other

witnesses - who have described the officer's physical appearance — say that Yen approached the car and asked the women they would take the dog. French couldn't be reached

by press time — but her cousin, Destiny, said, "She was trying to do a good thing. That cop told her [Winston]

been accused of paperwork

was homeless." It wouldn't be the first time officers within the Classon Avenue stationhouse have Internal Affairs launched a still-open probe that accused higher-ups at the busy precinct — which includes Prospect Heights and Crown Heights — of manipulating crime statistics. Yen's behavior - no mat-

ter which story you believe is not in line with "proper procedure," according to police sources, although an NYPD spokeswoman did not explain the proper protocol by press time. Yen also did not returned several calls from The Brook-

lyn Paper. His superior noted he has not been reprimanded, noting, "This is news to me.' But dog lovers — even

those who understand the perils of a busy cop in a crimeplagued neighborhood - still find the puppy hand-off abhorrent, saying it's almost on par with ignoring a lost kid. "If [Yen] was too lazy

to do his paperwork, then maybe he should be assigned to be a community liaison team ... to learn [how to] see the community through other people's eyes," said Bob Ipcar of FIDO, Prospect Park's dog advocacy group. Reinhardt echoed that

idea, saying that the NYPD should be held accountable for the heartache and confusion he's felt for the past five weeks. "They can't do this to

people," he said. "It's just

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NEIGHBORHOOD REPORT

FORT GREENE



Greenlight Bookstore annex cafe general manager Michael Hayes and store co-owner Jessica Stockton Bagnulo are expanding.

Book smarts

Greenlight Bookstore defies the end of print

It's the tale of the little book store that could. Greenlight Bookstore, which opened three years ago in the middle of the worst era for book sales since the Inquisition, will expand its Fort Greene shop to include more space for events, office clutter and yes, even room

Greenlight recently collaborated with wine shop neighbors the Greene Grape to put a coffee bar, a full-sized kitchen and more office space next to the existing bookshop on Fulton Street.

The result will allow for more space for events like book signings and readings. And starting this September, Greenlight will also serve as the kiosk vendor and online distributor of fellow Fort Greene giant, Brooklyn Academy of Music.

Even in an age when print is supposedly dead, there's no secret to co-owners Jessica Stockton Bagnulo and Rebecca Fitting's success.

"Great independent bookstores are often neighborhood bookstores," Stockton Bagnulo said. "Figuring out how to serve your community is, I think, one of the keys to longterm success in our business. But a large part of [our success] has to do with Fort Greene. We've been fortunate that our community has been hugely supportive.' Other area print dinosaurs — such as Atlantic Book-

shop and DARE Books — have closed, but Greenlight hopes to avoid that fate by being at the vanguard.

Stockton Bagnulo and Fitting will soon go where few bookshops have gone before: they'll even sell you an ebook, the pixel format that supposedly spelled — in 1s and 0s — the death of the modern bookshop.

Here's how it works: All you need is a Google Books account, along with a Greenlight account. Then, just browse for books on Greenlight's website, add an ebook to your cart and check out. The e-books are stored in the cloud, where you can access them from any device with a Google Books app.
"We're in the business of selling books — not paper,"

Bagnulo said. "E-books are another way readers are experiencing books, and we want to be the best book-

Greenlight Bookstore [686 Fulton St. at S. Portland Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 246-0200].

DOWNTOWN

By Kate Briquelet

Steve Powers is almost fin-

ished with his love letter to

For the past three weeks,

the renowned graffiti artist

has painted giant axioms on

a decrepit parking garage on

Hoyt Street — a project he

calls a "Love Letter to Brook-

lyn" that is part of the city's

plan to spruce up the rapidly

at night to avoid Fulton Street

crowds, is staying mum on

the project till it's com-

"Like opening a restau-

fours — for children of all faiths.

But the artist, who works

gentrifying Fulton Mall.

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PARK SLOPE

Queer eye for Park Slope

Two lesbian comics offer ultimate web parody

By Natalie O'Neill The Brooklyn Paper

The opening scene of "The Slope," a new Park Slopebased web series, is so subtle you could almost miss the irony: While walking a dog, the two main characters -

a pair of hilariously superfi-

cial lesbians — pass a political canvasser who implores, "Do you have a minute for gay rights?" The women — who are caught up in a hypothetical debate over which of them would be more attractive to a straight male — respond

less answer one might give a drunk man begging for change on the subway.
"No!" they fire off in unison.

with the same short, mind-

It's that sense of wry irreverence that drives the new series, which spoofs Park Slope stereotypes — and, ultimately, walks a ballsy line between funny and of-

The sketch comedy follows two gay lady characters - who, for comedic purposes, are vaguely homophobic — using neighborhood hangouts like Gorilla Coffee and Ginger's Pub as backdrops for the satire. Creators Desiree Akhavan

and Ingrid Jungermann filmmakers who live in Park Slope — say the neighborhood's queer lady set is as ripe for parody as the stroller pushers, the yoga addicts and the co-op shoppers.

"Park Slope can be sensitive and gay and politically correct—so sometimes you gotta stop and take the piss out of it," said Akhavan, who is bisexual in real life. "We're super self-aware of how obnoxious we can be," she said.

The series pokes fun of Brooklyn's weird breed of political correctness in the vay Sarah Silverman would, if she was interested in sleeping with chicks.

Steve Powers's love letter to Brooklyn is going up on the ugly parking lot next

Wall love letter to Brooklyn

Artist covers ugly Macy's garage with tender mural

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fun at Park Slope stereotypes. The pair shoot at many neighborhood locations, including Gorilla Coffee. (Gee, we wonder what they make fun of there.)

Behold, for example, a scene from the episode, 'Miserable Animals," in which Desiree and Ingrid who play lovers on the show - bicker in Prospect Park about the term "gay":

Ingrid tells Desiree: 'You use the word 'gay' to mean both 'homosexual' and 'lame.' And that's homophobic.

Desiree fires back: "You know, it really hurts my feelings you would say that. How much 'gayer' can I get having a huge public fight in the park with my supergay girlfriend?'

The creators, both graduate film students at NYU, have so far posted five episodes that riff on subjects such as bi-curiosity, narcissism, Justin Bieber and homo wedding outfits while winking at the fact that Park Slopers sometimes forget the rest of the world

is not eating artisanal beef jerky and mounting rainbow flags on strollers.

Naturally, not everybody gets the joke. Akhavan-- whose character launches into a tongue-

in-cheek tutorial about gender roles in lesbian sex recently received a web comment calling her "big-And after watching a different episode — one meant to spoof the way gay folks

it seriously, writing, "This is a very tough topic. Even so, the duo is unfazed by the idea that some

are presented on reality TV

a second commenter took

people won't "get it."

To get ideas rolling, the women sometimes record their conversations — many of which they've had over coffee at Dizzy's diner — then write sketches separately, using the brainstorming ses-

it with the world until its fin-

ished," said Dave Villorente,

a Downtown resident who

worked with Powers, a Man-

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cy's announced they would

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the new retail face of the Ful-

ton Mall, including H&M,

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his band of a dozen local art-

ists to paint the garage, cover-

ing its Hoyt, Livingston, and

Fulton Street facades with

text featuring "community

lynite, is behind much of the

painting's sentiment. The mu-

ral currently includes in the

all-capitalized "Born busy as

Villorente, a native Brook-

Macy's hired Powers and

epistle.

and Express.

catchphrases.

sions as inspiration. They then meet back up to edit the script and use a hired filmmaker, Erin Harper, to shoot naturalistic scenes a la "Portlandia," with plenty of nods (and a couple thumb bites) to Brownstone Brooklyn.

The series is meant to be a launching pad for a larger TV pilot — which is happening increasingly more often in the realm of comedy, like in the cases of MTV's "The Whitest Kids U Know" and "Human Giant" along with IFC's "The Onion News Network" — although the duo has not yet shopped around the concept or been written up by critics.

Ultimately, they swear, it's all out of love.

"We love Park Slope," Akhavan said. "But our heads are pretty far up our own asses sometimes so it's fun to take a step

He said that as a kid, he took

photos with Santa at the Fulton

Mall and had his first stitches

at nearby Brooklyn Hospital

my relationship with Down-

town," Villorente said. "Any

bus or train takes me home to

This isn't Powers's first

In 2009, he colored cryp-

Those heady murals, including "Your everafter is

tic, but tender, words across

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Rich Donnelly. "This series was a 15-round split decision against the heavyweight champ. This wasn't a knockdown. You go 15 rounds with a champ, you can't be disappointed. I'm not disappointed at all."

But hundreds of Cyclone fans, who outnumbered Yan-kee fans at the Richmond County Bank Ballpark, were sent back to the ferry in despair as the mini-Mets ultimately wasted one of their best starting pitching performances and many scoring chances.

Neither team got a hit until Javier Rodriguez's double in the fourth pit runners on second and third with no outs.

But Yankees starter William Oliver struck out two of the next three, part of a 10 K, seven-inning tour de force. But Cyclone starter Carlos

Vasquez actually outdueled the gunslinger, not yielding a hit until a leadoff double in the fifth—before he struck out the next two batters and induced a fly ball to end the Yankees' first and only threat until the disastrous seventh inning.

With Vasquez well above his pitch count, Donnelly summoned T.J. Chism, who

Pitcher Orlando Tovar is the picture of disappointment after the loss

promptly gave up a monstrous double to Tyler Austin and then an even-more-frightening triple to Rey Nunez that plated the game's only run.

In the next inning, though, Chism made a defensive play that deserves to go down in Cyclones' history. With Angelo Gumbs on third and no one out, Mason Williams, the toughest out in the New York-Penn League, hit a sharp bouncer to Chism, who fielded it on the short hop and made a beeline to Gumbs, who had drifted a bit too far from the bag. Without hesitation, Chism chased down Gumbs like a man possessed, nabbing him before

he could scramble back.

The play sent hundreds of Cyclone fans into a tizzy.

"All those fans, they're great for making the trip over," Donnelly said. "It was like a high school game!"

But the Cyclones lost the excitement, going down onetwo-three in the ninth. "I feel so bad right now," a sobbing Richard Lucas

said in the dugout after the game. He was especially upset, given that he went 0-4, failing in key situations. "Nobody gave up," he said. "Everyone fought hard.

in the right situation." The Yankee victory kept the Baby Bombers just one step ahead of the Cyclones,

The Yankees just got the hit

At one point, the Cyclones trailed the Yankees by nine and a half games in the Mc-Namara Division making the playoffs even appeared in jeopardy.

But the Cyclones closed

out the season with a bunch of series wins - including a three-game sweep of the Yankees, who ended up winning the division crown by just one-half game. "The best thing in sports is

playing your best against the best," said Donnelly, "They fought so hard just to get in the playoffs. Nine-and-a-half games and we almost caught them. So, yes, I'm proud of the way they played all year."

THE DONNELLY DILEMNA

Fans wonder what will happen to 2011 manager

By Gersh Kuntzman The Brooklyn Paper

He led the Cyclones to

one of their best seasons ever - but crashed on the rocky shoals of the New York-Penn League playoffs.

So will manager Rich Donnelly return to helm the Cyclones next season?

"I would love to," the usually ascerbic skipper told this reporter, the dean of the Cyclones press corps, minutes after Saturday night's loss to the Staten Island Yankees in the decisive Game 3 of their playoff series. Donnelly came to the Cy-

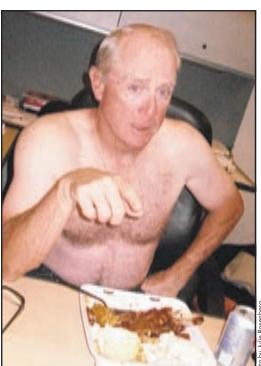
ing Major League teams always playing a supporting role. He obviously relished having the top job. "This was the first time I've managed in 30 years and I

clones after a career coach-

loved it," he said. "I loved the action every night, the competitiveness.' He also loved being a mentor almost as much as he loved

putting down reporters after every game. "We had a lot of good kids,

so it's been fun," he said. "It



This is how we'll remember manager Rich Donnelly — shirtless over a plate of ribs.

has been a pleasure.

He might not have said the same thing midway in the season, when the Cyclones trailed the first-place Yankees by nine-and-a-half games - and a wild-card

berth seemed a longshot. But Donnelly got the team to stop striking out so much, and started getting better performances from his fielders and pitchers.

Over the last 12 games of the season, the Cyclones finished up 11-1, a testimony to Donnelly's motiva-

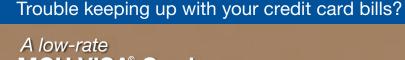
That said, only one Cyclone manager has ever returned for a second straight year. Edgar Alfonzo led the 2001 Cyclones to the franchise's only New York-Penn League championship, then returned, but the team failed to make the playoffs. Alfonzo

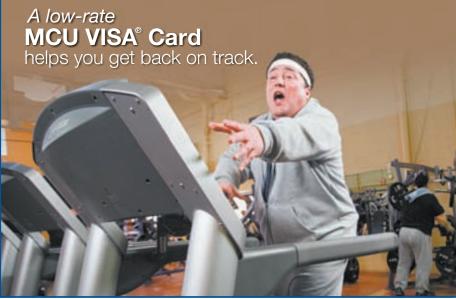
For now, Cyclones General Manager Steve Cohen is keeping mum.

was canned, though he did re-

turn in 2007.

"Obviously, we love Rich, but no decisions have been made," Cohen said.





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Pols want you to pick projects

By Daniel Bush The Brooklyn Paper

Two Brooklyn lawmakers are creating an "American Idol"-style contest for city construction dollars that will give residents say over future projects in their districts.

The two councilmembers, Brad Lander (D-Park Slope) and Jumaane Williams (D-Flatbush), pledged to set aside at least \$1 million each in capital budget funds for projects backed by their constituents in a still-vague balloting process.

The lawmakers, who are joined by two other councilmembers in the "participatory budget" idea, said the goal is to bring more transparency to government.

The "experiment will increase public engagement in the budgeting process," said Lander, who was set to go into details on Wednesday at City Hall. The grass roots cash disburse-

ment will start this fall, when Brooklynites in neighborhoods represented by the four legislators will nominate pet projects at a series of public meetings.

The resulting ideas will be placed on a ballot for a final vote in February, and the winners will be included in the upcoming fiscal year budget, according to people who helped come

that we want to see get the green light:



Councilman Brad Lander

up with the plan.

"The dollars are there," said Ronnie Lowenstein, the director of the Independent Budget Office, who worked on the initiative. "The idea

Key details still need to get worked out, including:

• Who controls the drafting of the

· How many of the nominated proj-

· How the limited money will be allocated, given that \$1 million doesn't even pay for the architects' morning coffee nowadays.

• How lawmakers will get the public excited and informed about the coming vote.

The concept may be inclusive, but it still hinges on a system of allocating money that's entirely controlled by Mayor

Bloomberg and Construction Idol Council Speaker Christine Quinn (D-Manhattan), who decides how discretionary funding is doled out in the first

Capital funds pay for construction projects such as new schools and parks, and to repair or upgrade

existing infrastructure. Such capital projects can include the biggest expenditures, such as \$6-billion Water Tunnel 3 or the \$50,000 it will take to repair PS 29's playground after vandals torched it.

The city's current capital plan, which expires in 2013, calls for \$38.4 billion in spending.

Each year councilmembers receive a tiny sliver of that — typically between \$3 million and \$9 million —

to pay for hand-picked projects in their districts. But the amount each member receives depends on their relationship with the Speaker, something critics say smacks of political

Supporters of the voluntary funding model said that involving people in the process could spur reforms to

"We're hoping to demonstrate a more democratic way to allocate public money," said Josh Lerner, the co-director of the Participatory Budgeting Project, who helped craft the plan.

Lerner said the approach has been adopted in Chicago, where residents of one district, or "ward," voted to pay for a bike path, new street lights, park benches among other improvements. Lerner claimed that public budgeting is done in more than 1,000 cities worldwide.

> 'Not everyone's project will win,' said Lander, who hopes to convince more councilmembers to participate as time goes on. "But

I think people will be excited about the idea of collective participation." Not everyone agreed, wondering

why the public is being asked to do the work usually reserved for the officials they elect to office.

"Councilmembers should know what [their district's] needs are. Having a competition among groups seems ridiculous," said one longtime community activist, who asked not to give his name for fear of offending Lander. "Maybe we don't need the Council. We could just have a TV show where people vote on city projects."

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is to get the community involved."

· Who will participate in the "nominating conventions."

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Avenue to clear a path for

stroller-pushing moms and

Park Slope

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Turner told his supporters. 'We've been asked by the people of this district to send a message to Washington and I hope they hear it loud and clear: Mr. President, we are on the wrong track."

Turner added that the meshave "had it" with Obama's "irresponsible fiscal policies" and his "treatment of Israel."

"I am the messenger," he

thundered. "Heed us." For his part, Weprin spoke just before Turner's victory speech and merely told his supporters that he would not concede until all the ballots

were counted. Tuesday was expected to be a normally sleepy primary day with no major city, state or federal elections. But a hum-drum political season was immediately energized in June when Weiner, lovingly referred to as the "Midwood Mouth" because of his fiery rants on the floor of the House of Representatives, resigned in disgrace for sexting and sending lewd messages to women across the



Bob Turner, with his wife Peggy, claimed victory in Tuesday's special election to succeed sext fiend Anthony Weiner in Congress.

Once the special election was announced, party boss from both counties comprising the Ninth District chose Weprin and Turner to fight

Neither man came from the Brooklyn side of the district;

though Weprin boasted that his parents were borough natives, Turner took the Brooklyn portion by a much wider margin than the overall vote, early returns show.

But the election was never really about Brooklyn. Nor was it about the district,

which encompasses Midwood, Marine Park, Sheepshead Bay, Gerritsen Beach and Bergen Beach.

It quickly became a midterm litmus test on President Obama and the depth of his

support for Israel. Former Mayor Ed Koch

ear in late July when he announced that he was backing Turner, but not because he believed in what the former television executive stood for.

He encouraged others to vote for Turner to denounce Obama's belief that Israel should withdraw to its pre-1967 borders, giving back some land to the Palestin-

"If David Weprin is elected, you think that sends a message?" Koch asked, when he announced that he was supporting Turner. "You think Obama is going to say, 'Oh my god, they repudiated me. They sent David Weprin.'"

Koch's endorsement marked the beginning of the GOP's push to connect Weprin to Obama at every turn. For the next month and a half, nearly all of Turner's campaign literature had pictures of Obama.

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to check on the fancy car at

8:30 pm. She had a report, all

the thief entered the store,

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Dis-chords

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A jerk stole more than

An employee in the store,

which is between Manhattan

Avenue and Lorimer Street,

told cops that he noticed a

suspicious man standing by

a piccolo and two trumpets

at around 2 pm. When he

looked again, the man and

the three instruments were

At least four cars were bro-

ken into last week. Here's a

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right: the car was gone.

Wrong aid

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Berry Street on Sept. 9.

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overnight on Sept. 4.

Wheelie gone

Ruby Friday

91st Street apartment.

vation Army on Sept. 5.

78TH PRECINCT

Park Slope

A thief slugged a woman on Third Street, stealing her iPhone on Sept. 9.

The woman told cops that she talking on her phone at Sixth Avenue at around 3:40 pm, when the man approached from behind, punched her in the left side of her face, grabbed the phone and ran off to an awaiting car.

The blue Infiniti sped off, but the victim got the plate number: FLN-3296.

The woman, 37, was not badly hurt.

Bar grab

A thief stole an iPhone and cash out of a bartender's bag on Fifth Avenue on

The barkeep told cops that she got to the bar, which is between Fourth and Fifth streets, at around 6:30 pm, put her bag on a counter, and began work. But 90 minutes later, she realized that her bag had been pilfered—and when she tried to cancel her credit cards, she was told that they'd already been used.

Dirty crime

The much-burglarized Sanitation garage on Second Avenue was hit again - this time for a \$5,000 power washer!

Workers at the garage, which is near Hamilton Avenue, told cops that they sent the equipment to Queens for repair and it was sent back, presumably fixed, on Aug.

But two weeks later, when a worker prepared to wash down some equipment, the device was nowhere to be

Workers don't know what happened—and neither does the supervisor!

This isn't the first time that the controversial depot has been hit. Earlier this year, two navigation systems—the very instruments installed by

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tion after its disastrous bliz- told cops that she hung her zard response — were stolen

from garbage trucks. Compu-grab

A thief swiped a laptop from a man on Fifth Street

The victim said he was between Fifth and Sixth avenues at around 7:55 pm when a thief ran up from behind. swiped his computer and kept on running.

He told cops that the Mac laptop was covered with stickers — though he did not describe them.

R for rob

Thieves swiped the iPhone right out of a woman's hands as she played a game on a Queens-bound R train on Sept. 5.

The victim told cops that she was on the train at around 2:20 am. When the train pulled into the Ninth Street station, three men entered and surrounded her. At one point, one grabbed the phone and all three fled up to Fourth Avenue.

— Gersh Kuntzman

77TH PRECINCT

Prospect Heights

Not football

A thug beat up a lady for her iPhone on St. Marks Avenue on Sept. 11.

The 35-year-old victim told cops that she was near Underhill Avenue at 10:40 pm when a man tackled her, punched her in the stomach and grabbed her iPhone then ran away.

Bar rat A crook snatched a purse

Avenue bar on Sept. 9. The 31-year-old victim

from a woman at a Flatbush the Bloomberg Administra-

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green pocketbook on the back of a chair at Sharlene's near Park Place at 10:30 pm, then walked away for 20 minutes. That was enough time for the

and the \$80 inside. Train chase

POLICE BLOTTER 💓

A quick-moving crook jacked a laptop from a straphanger on Sept. 9.

jerk to swipe her purse -

The 25-year-old victim told cops that she set her bag between her legs while riding the 2 train near Eastern Parkway at 4:50 am. The train stopped at Washington Avenue, and the thief snatched her bag — along with a \$500 Toshiba laptop inside - and ran out as the doors closed. The woman chased him

into the subway station, but failed to catch the 5-foot-10, 165-pound 20-year-old. **Bench bandit**

A crook snatched cell-

phone from a playground near the Botanic Garden on Sept. 5.

The 18-year-old victim told cops that she set her bag on a bench inside the playground, which is on Eastern Parkway between Underhill and Washington avenues, at around 3 pm. She walked away for two hours, came back and discovered that the jerk had swiped a \$400 Blackberry from her purse.

Ten minutes

A thief swiped some electronic goodies from a car on Plaza Street East on Sept. 9.

The 32-year-old victim told cops that she parked her black 1993 Nissan Maxima near Vanderbilt Avenue just after 10:30 am, then walked away for 10 minutes. That was enough time for the creep to grab her \$800 Toshiba laptop and a \$115 Nintendo sys-

— Natalie O'Neill

84TH PRECINCT

Brooklyn Heights-DUMBO-Boerum Hill-Downtown

Gym rats

A locker-room rogue swiped a suit, cash and cards from two athletes at a notorious Duffield Street gym on Sept. 7.

The victims, ages 31 and 25, told cops that they hit the weights at Planet Fitness near Fulton Street at 8 am. When they returned 90 minutes later, their lockers were busted open and their belongings were gone.

The gvm makes regu-

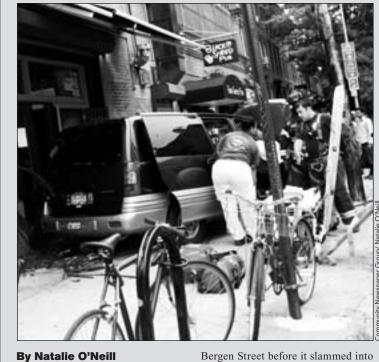
Stooped low

A devious gang pushed a woman to the ground and plucked her cellphone on Concord Street on Sept.

The 26-year-old Staten Island said she was near Duffield Street at 8:20 pm when the thieves attacked.

Police are seeking a 15year-old suspect.

CRASH! Van spins out of control on Fifth Avenue



The Brooklyn Paper

An out-of-control — and possibly - driver smashed into a Fifth Avenue bar in Park Slope on Sunday evening, shattering the storefront window, injuring himself and a cab driver.

The driver of a green Pontiac van who was "very drunk," according to one witness - collided with a yellow cab before plowing into Cypress Avenue bar at Bergen Street just before 5 pm. The van was speeding eastbound on

the cab, which was heading northbound on Fifth Avenue, according to Ambulances arrived within three

both drivers. On Monday, the bar's outside patio

was shuttered — but the word "open" had been scrawled in large chalk letters on the side of the building. A cop at the 78th Precinct said he had "no information" about the crash.

Excess baggage A bandit stole a bag with

thousands of dollars from a car on Boerum Place on

The 45-year-old victim told cops that he parked near Pacific Street at noon. When he returned hours later, his vehicle's rear window was broken and a satchel containing \$13,000 was gone.

Police recovered the bag nearby - minus the cash.

Car alarm

A crook broke into a vehicle on Atlantic Avenue on Sept. 9 and scored a laptop and \$2,000.

The Bronx victim told police that he parked near Third Avenue at 3:15 pm to go to the post office. Within 15 minutes, some jerk smashed his car window and stole his

Apple picking

A thug yanked an iPhone from a woman at the Jay Street subway station on Sept 5.

The 29-year-old victim told police that she was waiting for a Manhattanlar appearances in these bound F train at 11:42 am when the thief came from behind, grabbed her mobile and fled.

Police are seeking a 20her grasp year-old suspect.

Cheap talk

A brazen thief ripped two iPhones from the Montague Street AT&T store on Sept. 8.

An employee told cops that the shoplifter entered the store near Clinton Street at 4:50 pm, glommed the devices and exited the store.

Into thin air A thief lifted a new Mac-

Book from a Jay Street architecture firm on Sept. 6.

The 28-year-old victim told cops he was at the office near Plymouth Street at 11 am when he left his laptop on a chair. He returned hours later and his MacBook was gone.

Whine bar Some goon broke into the

Brooklyn Bridge Wine Bar on Old Fulton Street and a pricey cash register part on Aug. 25. The 53-year-old employee

told cops that he left the bar near Furman Street at midnight. Eight hours later, he discovered the \$6,000 dongle for the register and a modem were gone. **Time out**

A gang of thugs attacked

a couple on State Street on Sept. 10 for an iPhone and The victims told police

that they were near Hoyt Street at 9:25 pm when one of the marauders asked for the time. That's when a perp punched the 29-year-old male victim in the face and another crook choked his 28year-old companion. The gang stole an iPhone,

blue leather purse and Virginia driver's license. **Hard knocks**

A stranger pushed a 17-

year-old girl and snatched her backpack on State Street on Sept. 9.

The victim told cops that she was near Third Avenue at 10:10 am when the crook came from behind and vanked her bag - containing \$35, schoolbooks and a

Metrocard. The 19-year-old suspect

fled eastbound on State — Kate Briquelet

88TH PRECINCT Fort Greene-Clinton Hill

Backpack sack $Two \, teenage \, goons \, jumped \,$

a 27-year-old man on Carlton Avenue on Sept. 4, taking his backpack.

The victim was between Willoughby and DeKalb avenues at 1 pm when the suspects attacked, punching him

iPhone snagger

Steve Jobs's miracle phones were once again all the rage with thieves in Fort Greene and Clinton Hill this week. Here's a sampling: • Two goons attacked a 26-

inside the Lafavette Avenue station on Sept. 7 — taking her iPhone. The victim was about to step onto a C train at 4:20

year-old getting onto a train

pm when one of the suspects punched her in the face. The other yanked the iPhone out of her hand.

• A creep ran past a woman on Fleet Walk on Sept. 5, snagging her iPhone from

The victim was nearing Prince Street at 2:15 pm when the thief barreled by, grabbing the phone before running off into a nearby apartment building.

Lafayette loot

Look who came to din-

A daring thief crept into a Lafayette Ävenue apartment on Sept. 5 — while the couple inside was preparing a romantic dinner a deux. The tenants told police

that they had opened the front window to cool down the apartment near Cumberland Street at 7:57 pm. But, while they were cooking in the kitchen, someone climbed through the window, taking a MacBook computer and a digital camera. **Target-ed**

Once again, a handful

of crimes took place at the Bruce Ratner-owned Atlantic Center and Atlantic Terminal malls this week. Here's what happened: • A sticky-fingered thief

grabbed a diaper bag containing a wallet and cellphone during a sneaky Sept. 6 theft inside the Flatbush Avenue Target. The 25-year-old victim was inside the big box store

near Atlantic Avenue at 6:30 pm when the crook snagged • A 48-year-old woman was arrested on Sept. 7 af-

ter she was caught shoplifting inside the Flatbush Avenue Target. Store employees grabbed the woman at 8:30 pm just before she could make

out sales inside the store at

6:20 pm when she left her be-

off with more than \$1,000 in baby formula, clothes, was caught wiggling under candy, cosmetics and a blender. • A thief made off with a Street home.

21-year-old woman's handbag on Sept. 11 as the woman trying to climb the fence shopped at the Marshalls on between Court and Smith Atlantic Avenue. streets just after 6 pm. When The victim was scouting he couldn't get over, he tried

longings on the floor. When she turned back a — Thomas Tracy

later.

minutes and medical workers treated

Tote taker A rail renegade held up

a 21-year-old woman inside the Clinton-Washington Avenues station on Sept. 7 taking her Louis Vuitton tote bag.

few moments later, her bag

-which contained \$400 an

iPad and her Russian pass-

port — was gone

The victim was about to swipe through a turnstile at 6:16 pm when the thief approached with his hand in his nocket, as if he had a gun, and ran off with her bag, wallet and iPhone.

Robbed

Three malcontents jumped a 35-vear-old man on Myrtle Avenue on Sept. 8 - taking \$3 and an assortment of T-shirts.

The victim was nearing Carlton Avenue at 1:20 am when the suspects ran off with his belongings.

Fulton mauled

Four goons left a 21-yearold man hospitalized following a Sept. 9 mugging on Fulton Street.

The victim was between Irving Place and Classon Avenue at 9:30 pm when the thieves took his cash and cellphone — leaving him with a smattering of injuries.

Resta-raid

Two thugs were arrested on Sept. 10 after they swiped cellphones from a pair of women dining at a DeKalb Avenue restaurant.

The victims were enjoying the evening inside the eatery between Hudson Place and Rockwell Avenue at 4:42 pm when the thieves plucked the cellphones off their table

The victims chased after the thieves, getting the attention of a cop who nabbed both men for robbery.

— Thomas Tracy

76TH PRECINCT Carroll Gardens-Cobble

Hill-Red Hook

Rail rippers Two knife-wielding goons

mugged a 26-year-old woman on a Coney Island-bound F train as it rumbled into the Carroll Street station on Sept. 10. The train had just left Ber-

gen Street at 4:46 am when the thieves grabbed their victim's cellphone and wallet, which contained \$530. They then flashed their blade, ordering her to stay put as they made their escape. Wallet grab

A criminal quartet surrounded and robbed a 36-

year-old man of his wallet during a harrowing confrontation on Degraw Street. The victim was nearing Court Street at 11:40 pm

when the thieves threatened to harm him if he didn't give up his belongings Worm turned A 57-year-old was ar-

rested on Sept. 7 after he

a fence surrounding a Union Witnesses saw the thief

• Thugs bashed into a car's windows on Kent Avenue and N. Eighth Street on Sept. 11 to get under — only to be between 1 am and 6 am, getcaught by cops a short time ting a wallet and a navigation system.

Wheel bad

• Robbers snatched a cell-

phone, a wallet and credit **68TH PRECINCT** cards from the trunk of a Bay Ridge-Dyker Heights car on Russell Street Sept. 7 between 11:30 am and 12:05 A pickpocket swiped a

pm. The victim lost a backpack and purse. · A thief grabbed a woman's purse from a trunk on Wythe Avenue near N. 11th Street between 3 pm and

· A thief broke into a car on Eckford Street and stole a navigation system and a guitar on Sept. 6. The man said he'd parked between Greepoint Avenue and Cayler Street at 2 am and returned a few hours

Foul play

A jerk grabbed a man's iPhone and credit card from a Kent Avenue park on Sept. 5 and dashed off.

The victim told cops that he left his bag unattended inside the greenspace near N. 10th Street while he was playing soccer. By the time he noticed a suspicious man grab his bag, it was too late.

- Alfred Ng

90TH PRECINCT Southside-Bushwick

Blackberry

A thief stole a phone from woman on Roebling Street on Sept. 8.

The victim was near S. Third Street at 8:30 pm, when the perp ran up from behind, grabbed the phone, and ran toward the Williamsburg Bridge. Bag job

A perp stole a woman's belongings on Bedford Avat 8 pm and returned at 11:15 the next morning to find his enue on Sept. 9.

side window busted and his The victim was near S. bank card missing. Third Street at 3:10 am, — Dan MacLeod when the perp approached

her and grabbed her leather bag. She tried to hold onto it, but the perp pushed her away and fled. **Backsnatch** A thief stole a woman's backpack on Powers Street

home on Sept 9. The victim was entering her building near Graham

on her stoop and grabbed her knapsack. She chased him, but lost him a block

Avennue at 4:10 am, when

the perp approached her

Choke hold A thief choked a woman on McKibbin Street and stole her phone on Sept 9. The victim was near White Street at 12:45 am,

her and wrapped his arms around her neck. "What are you doing, let me go!" she screamed,

when the perp approached

but dropped her phone, which the thief promptly

grabbed. **Dollar daze** A thug got only a Washington off a man on Graham

victim because it was too little cash. The victim was near Scholes Street at 1:40 am, when

Avenue — then punched the

the perp approached him and asked, "Do you have any money? The victim gave him \$1, but the unsatisfied perp punched his face and the perp

gave up \$100, his phone and The victim told cops that a digital camera. Lake George and returned on

Devoe-ted thief A burglar took a video game system and a cellphone from a Devoe Street apart-

ment on Sept. 9. Vol vol vol voom The tenant left her apartment at 5 pm, but when she returned to her building near Union Avenue less than two hours later, she saw her door kicked in and her stuff miss-

Kindle krime

A thief grabbed two computers and an Amazon Kin-A thief stole \$1,150 worth dle from a S. Fourth Street of skin care products from a apartment last week. Manhattan Avenue Rite Aid The tenant left her apart-

ment near Hewes Street at A security guard said that 4 am on Sept. 1, but when she returned home on Sept. 6, she noticed that her prop-Avenue and Cavler Street, at erty was missing. utes later, the guard noticed

Basement burg A thief cleaned out a De-

voe Street home's basement

of video and audio tapes on

A neighbor heard the building's cellar door open at 1:10 am and saw the al-

leged perp closing the door 20 minutes later. She called the police, but he fled toward Bushwick Avenue Choppered up A thief stole a motorcycle from a Grand Street parking

garage last week The driver locked up his bike and covered it on a lot

near Marcy Avenue on Sept.

but when he returned four

days later, the cover was on

and iPod from a car on Sie-

the floor and the bike was oyPod A thief stole a computer

gel Street on Sept. 8. The driver parked near White Street at 8 am, and returned at 4 pm to find his driver's-side window bro-

ken and his stuff missing. — Aaron Short



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The Brooklyn Paper's essential guide to the Borough of Kings

September 16-22, 2011

Bite this, Brooklyn

It's finally time for the annual North Brooklyn food festival

By Sarah Zorn for The Brooklyn Paper

ite this, Brooklyn!

Sunday's second annual TASTE Williamsburg Greenpoint gustatory block party will be a culinary bonanza featuring Fette Sau, Dumont, Dressler, Juliette, Caracas Arepas Bar and more than three dozen other top restaurants dishing out innovative bites.

The event benefits the Northside Town Hall Community and Cultural Center - but you get the present, thanks to six "tastes" and four drinks for \$35, or unlimited eats for \$95 (if you want unlimited booze with that, tack on \$55).

It's a perfect way to showcase the current state of North Brooklyn food, which is, in a word, awesome.

"The Williamsburg and Greenpoint food scene is exciting in that it's always morphing — from Polish, to Mexican, to tailto-snout butchery and cuisine," said Felice Kirby, owner of Teddy's Bar and Grill and a co-chairwoman of the event.

All your eating and drinking is for a good cause; the Northside Center will eventually be the home of two longtime community groups — Neighbors

Get the ticket!

Unless you've sprung for unlimited "tastes" at the

Taste Williamsburg Greenpoint event on Sunday, you'll

need help figuring out where to allot your precious tick-

ets. Luckily, these participating restaurants were willing

to share their top secret dishes with us — and prove to

you why you have to have them.

and hibiscus.

Allied for Good Growth and the People's Firehouse — as well as provide affordable meeting space and house a firstfloor gallery.

"We're located just one block away from the Town Hall, so it only makes sense to help the community we serve in whatever way possible," said Sasha Miranda, chef/owner of Miranda restaurant on Berry Street. "We participated last year, and it's a great way to eat good food and meet new people, all in the name of a worthy cause!

DINING

TASTE Williamsburg Greenpoint (North 11th Street between Kent Avenue and the Williamsburg Waterfront in Williamsburg), Sept. 18 at 1 pm. Tickets start at \$35, and can be purchased at www.brownpapertickets.com/event/193737. For info, visit tastewer wordpress com



Mouthful: Now this is how you "TASTE" Williamsburg Greenpoint, — with a beer and a burger from Teddy's, which will be participating in Sunday's food block party.

tastewg.wordpress.com

Masten Lake

Lamb tongue with squash custard and Brussels sprouts (pictured bottom left).

"Our 'taste' is going to be fun and interesting, and will hopefully introduce the readers to exciting new flavor combinations," said owner David Rosen.

Masten Lake [285 Bedford Ave. between Grand and First streets in Williamsburg, (718) 599-5565].

Teddy's Bar and Grill Fresh grilled lamb sliders topped with a Morrocan-



style salsa (crushed pistachios, tomato, herbs and feta cheese). Teddy's will also attempt

to serve a freshly caught, wild fish called sea robin — providing the fishermen they work with catch it on time.

"Folks should visit our table because they will find friendly, delicious service," said owner Felice Kirby. "Last

year we pumped out 500 portions of smoked and pulled fresh pig. We had a ball and the guests were very sated!"

Teddy's Bar and Grill [96 Berry St. at N. Eighth Street in Williamsburg, (718) 384-9787].

iviiranda Empanaditas, a baked



"Our taste is a great example of what we do here," said chef/owner Sasha Miranda. "Healthy, inventive cuisine that fuses Latin American and Italian flavors."

Miranda [80 Berry St. at N. Ninth Street in Williamsburg, (718) 387-0711].

Juliette

White gazpacho with pimenton de la Vera and dayboat ceviche "We always strive to serve

a high quality item that ex-

emplifies what we do at Juliette; fine dining food that's



also love to meet our friends, fans and regulars, as well as new faces, and the best part — seeing their faces light-up when they bite into a Juliette mini-masterpiece!

Juliette [135 N. Fifth St. between Bedford Avenue and Berry Street in Williamsburg, (718) 388-9222].

MyMoon

Marinated sardines with raspberry and orange, and



and unique Mediterranean menu," said General Manager Kenan

and discover a different side accessible of dining in Brooklyn!" to everyone in Williamsburg,"

MyMoon [184 N. 10th St. between Bedford and Driggs avenues in Williamsburg, (718) 599-7007].

Oz. "Come for a taste of our

chef's signature tapas dishes

Nita Nita

Smashed sweet potatos and chorizo and green apple

frozen custard with cookie crumbs and candied gin-

ger "We will be serving up a variety of flavors from our new head chef. who is planning big things for the fall," said owner Samantha DiStefano. "We'd like to spread the word about the changes we're making while still keeping our unique, local vibe. We providing a space to gather, eat and drink that's laid back, but not a dive."

Nita Nita [146 Wythe Ave. between N. Eighth and Ninth streets in Williamsburg, (718) 388-5328].

MUSIC

Hook's rockin'

Who says old school newspapers are good for nothing?

On Sept. 18, the fledgling Red Hook Star-Revue, published by drummer and all-around good guy, George Fiala, will host an all-day music festival at Urban

Meadow Park. The concert, which was originally scheduled for Au-

gust but postponed because of Hurrican't Irene, is an extension of Fiala's weekly Thursday night jam.

"We have a lot of very good musicians that come here," said Fiala. "It's been a great way to build musical relationships." The festival will include acoustic folk from

Jay Tanner, jazz from Amanda Cole, indie rockers The Middle Eight (pictured), folk rock from The Rusty Hooks, and drummer Fiala's own rock band, Union.

Besides taking in the music, you can have as much pizza and hot dogs as you like. "It's my way of giving back," said Fiala. "Plus,

it's just a lot of fun to have a music festival.'

Red Hook Star-Revue Music Fest at Urban Meadow Park (Van Brunt and President streets in the Columbia Street Waterfront District, no phone), Sept. 18, noon-6 pm. Tickets \$10. For info, visit www.redhook-— Meredith Deliso

CULTURE

Wild years

A throng of artists will morph Fort Greene's famous old man bar into the confessional booth of watering holes for a night of "bad habitsthemed" storytelling.

Writers, actors and musicians - including Mike Edison (pictured), the hedonistic former editor of Screw magazine

-will use songs, monologues, spoken word, and, of course, haiku to fill Frank's Cocktail Lounge with musings on habits such as zit-picking, cleavage-staring and judging strangers based on footwear. Edison has plenty of



"bad habits" to choose from: He has fashioned a bong from his guitar, worked in the porn industry and will argue the merits of methamphetamine with newspaper reporters — but this month, he won't touch those vices. "None of that is my worst habit," he said.

"Mine is throwing out my Con Ed bill; I have a feeling they're over-charging me. And, you know, I just don't trust them.'

Write Night at Frank's Cocktail Lounge [660 Fulton St. at S. Elliott Place in Fort Greene, (718) 625-9339]. Sept. 22, 7:30 pm. Free Natalie O'Neill

FILM

Film on tap

gangster flick, "The Warriors," is taking his own turn on the silver screen at the neighborhood's upcoming film festival, which also includes horror movies, animated cartoons and a full slate of works from the bor-

The inspiration for Coney Island's cult classic

ough's best and brightest



tion in "The Last Immortal," a documentary made by local history buff Charlie Denson that headlines the 11th annual Coney Island

Film Festival from Sept. 23 to Sept. 25. The three-day movie bash features more than 100 films, animated cartoons and music videos

and of course a screening of "The Warriors," the low-budget, late-1970s thriller that was shot in part at the People's Playground.
There's also a full-length horror film, "The

Super," about every renter's worst nightmare; "Somebody's Hero," about a real life Superman (pictured); and "First Kiss," the story of, well, a game-changing smooch.

"People will see films that they don't see anywhere else," said Festival director Rob

Coney Island Film Festival at Sideshows by the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between W. 12th Street and Stillwell Avenue in Coney Island, (718) 372-5159]. Screenings are \$6 (full pass is \$55). For info, visit www.coneyislandfilmfesti-– Daniel Bush

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FRIDAY

September 16



Beach babes

Yes, it's time again for the Miss Coney Island pageant, the annual amalgam of sex, freakishness, variety, costumes and concupiscence. Ten contestants will compete for the coveted crown — and organizer Bambi the Mermaid calls them the cream of the crop of the burlesque community. Last year's winner, Lefty Lucy (pictured), can't compete because of pageant rules. That's lame.

10 pm. Miss Coney Island at Sideshows at the Seashore [1208 Surf Ave. between Stillwell Avenue and W. 12th Street, (718) 372-5159]. Tickets, \$15. For info, visit www.coney island.com.

SUNDAY September 18

September 17

SATURDAY

Autum harvest More than 75 of Brooklyn's finest arti-

sanal foodsmiths will converge on the Truckin' Tobacco Warehouse, including Frankies Spuntino and Prime Meats, the Brooklyn Kitchen, Mast Brothers Chocolate, Four and Twenty Blackbirds, the Van Leeuwens (pictured), and the husband-andwife Robicelli cupcake team. 11 am-4 pm. z at the Tobacco Warehouse (26 New Dock St. at Water

Admission is \$5 (\$60 for the tasting tent). For info,

Street in DUMBO).

We know you love food from a truck, so take advantage of the second-to-last "Food Truck Rally" of the season in Grand Army Plaza. Despite what some local merchants say, the third-Sundayof-the-month event has been popular all summer, thanks to vendors such as the Mud Truck, the Red Hook Lobster Pound, Kimchi Taco and our pals at Van Leeuwen. Piece of advice: Don't eat on Saturday.

11 am-5 pm. Food Truck Rally in Grand Army Plaza (Union Street between Flatbush Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park Slope). For info, visit www.nycfoodtrucks.org.

WEDNESDAY

September 21

Borough bounty Here's a cocktail party

to celebrate the borough's local food movement. The Brooklyn Historical Society's annual fundraiser kicks off with a mozzarellamaking demonstration by chef Michael Ayoub (pictured), formally of Fornino Pizza, historical libations and treats from Brooklyn purveyors including Kumquat Cupcakery and Saxelby cheese. Wash it all down with old maps on Brooklyn agriculture.

6:30 pm. Brooklyn Bounty at the Brooklyn Historical Society [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111]. Tickets start at \$150. For info, visit www. brooklynbounty.org



SATURDAY

September 23



Art takes over Dumbo

Finally, DUMBO once again does what it does best turns its lofts, offices and even its streets into one big art gallery. This year's multidisciplinary event features more than 500 artists, 120 open art studios and 40 live performances, including the water balloon act by The Acrobuffos (pictured). It is not to be missed.

All day. DUMBO Arts Festival (various locations). For info, visit www. dumboartsfestival.com.

Find lots more listings online at

BrooklynPaper.com/Events

ARTISTS AND FLEAS: 8 am-4 pm. [70 N. Seventh St. between Wythe and Kent avenues in Williamsburg, (917)

GREENMARKET: 8 am-4 pm. [Union Avenue between Driggs Avenue and N.12th Street in Greenpoint, (212) 788-7476], www

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baked goods, and seasonal fruits

and veggies. Free. 8 am–3 pm.
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[Third Avenue at 95th Street in

Bay Ridge, (212) 788-7476], www.

PARK SLOPE FLEA MARKET: Peruse

antiques, collectibles , vintage, crafts, and furniture. 8 am–6 pm. PS 321 [180 Seventh Ave. between

First and Second streets in Park Slope, (917) 991-7807], www.park-

marketplace from the people behind Brooklyn Flea. 9 am–5 pm. (East River between N. Sixth and N.

Seventh streets in Williamsburg), www.smorgasburg.com.

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FRI, SEPT. 16

TRILOK ARTIST MARKET: Peruse clothes, artwork, jewelry and hand-crafted items. 10 am–5 pm. [143 Waverly Ave. between Myrtle and Park avenues in Fort Greene, (646) 643-0302/(646) 750-5672].

MUSIC, DAVID ROVICS: Troubadour sings "songs of social significance." \$20. 7:30 pm. Park Slope United Methodist Church [410 Sixth Ave at Eighth Street in Park Slope, (201) 207-1493], www.brooklynpeace.org.

MUSIC, MARC RIBOT'S FILM NOIR PROJECT, ETHEL, SHELLEY HIRSCH AND FRED FRITH: As part of grand opening celebrations. \$35-\$100. 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Downtown, (212) 219-8242], www.roulette.org. THEATER, "THE WIZARD OF OZ":

Take a musical trip down the Yellow Brick Road with Dorothy, Toto, Scarecrow, Tin Man and the Cowardly Lion. Presented by the Narrows Community Theater. \$20 (\$15 seniors/students and children). 8 pm. Ft. Hamilton Army Base Theater [Seventh Avenue at Poly Place in Bay Ridge, (718) 482-3173], www nctheaterny.com.

FASHION SHOW: Emerging fashion designers Hayden Dunham, Melissa Lockwood, Nathalie Kraynina, Leslie Padoll and Blake Glover, Juanita Cardenas and many others show-case the latest looks. \$10.8 pm. Windmill Studios NYC (287 Kent Ave. at S. First Street in Williams-burg), www.williamsburgfashion-weekend.com.

MUSIC, CONTEMPORARY CON-CERT: Grand opening of Roulette featuring performances Ethel, Marc Ribot: Film Noir Project, and Shelley HIrsch with Fred Frith. \$35-\$100. 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Downtown, (917) 267-0363], www.roulette.org

MUSIC, CLASSIC COUNTRY MUSIC
CONCERT: The Weal and Woe and Matt Munisteri to perform. \$10.

MON, SEPT. 19

Community Board 2 Parks and Recreation Committee. Monthly

meeting. 6 pm. Brooklyn Hospital [121 DeKalb Ave. at Ashland Place in Fort Greene, (718) 596-5410],

Community Board 6 Community

Development and Housing
Committee. Monthly meeting. 6:30
pm. New York Methodist Hospital
[506 Sixth 5t. between Seventh and
Eighth avenues in Park Slope, (718)
643-3027], www.brooklyncb6.org.

TUES, SEPT. 20

Community Board 2 Transportation and Public Safety

cb2k@nyc.rr.com



The fire this time: XYZ, the last dragon, protests the treatment of dragons by the media in Puppetworks's exciting new production, "The Reluctant Dragon," now through Dec. 18 at the Park Slope theater.

8:00pm. Jalopy [315 Columbia St. between Hamilton Avenue and Woodhull Street in Columbia Street Waterfront, (718) 395-3214], www jalopy.biz.

SAT, SEPT. 17

OUTDOORS AND TOURS

BIRDING 101: Learn to identify birds \$113 for members. Noon. Brooklyn Botanic Garden [1000 Washington Ave., at Eastern Parkway in Crown Heights, (718) 623-7220], www.

CIVIC CALENDAR

streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 596-5410], cb2k@nyc.rr.com.

Committee. Monthly meeting. 6:30 pm. Community Board 1 office [435 Graham Ave. between Frost and

Richardson streets in Williamsburg,

84th Precinct Community Council. Monthly meeting. 7 pm. St. Francis College [180 Remsen St. between

Court and Clinton streets in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 875-6850].

Community Board 2 Land Use Committee. Monthly meeting. 6 pm. Polytechnic Institute [5

WED, SEPT. 21

(718) 389-00091.

Community Board 1 Land Use

PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, LAURIE ANDERSON, LOU of grand opening celebrations. \$50-\$100. 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Downtown, (212) 219-8242], www.roulette.org. THEATER, "THE WIZARD OF OZ": 8

pm. See Friday, Sept. 16 **SALES AND MARKETS**

BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL GREENMARKET: 8 am-6 pm. [Court and Montague streets in Brooklyn Heights, (212) 788-7476],

Community Board 7. Monthly full board meeting. 6:30 pm. Community Board 7 office [4201 Fourth Ave. at 43rd Street in Sunset Park, [718) 854-0003], www.brook-

THURS, SEPT. 22

Weekly meeting. 12:15 pm. Brooklyn Marriott [333 Adams St. in Downtown, (917) 804-0797].

Committee. Monthly meeting. 6 pm. Prospect Park Residence [1 Prospect Park West at Union Street

Brooklyn Bridge Rotary Club.

Community Board 6 Land Use

in Park Slope, (718) 643-3027], www.brooklyncb6.org.

To list an event in the Civic Calendar, e-mail Calendar@cnglocal.com.

www.grownyc.org.

vendors. 10 am–5 pm. (176 Lafay ette Ave between Clermont and Vanderbilt avenues in Fort Greene), www.brooklynflea.com. TRILOK ARTIST MARKET: 10 am-6 pm. See Friday, Sept. 16.

BROOKLYN FLEA: More than 100

OTHER

FOOD FESTIVAL AND MARKET: City Harvest hosts a fundraiser with ar Harvest hosts a fundraiser with ar-tisanal food, tastings and meet and greets with regional food creators. \$75. 11 am-4 pm. Tobacco Ware-house (26 New Dock St. at Water Street in DUMBO), www.cityhar-

vest.org. **HEALTH, YOGA:** Meditation following yoga classes. Open to all levels.
Bring your own water, mats and towels provided. Free. Noon-1 pm.
Sacred [197 Clifton Pl. between Franklin and Bedford avenues in Clinton Hill, (347) 715-4112], www.sacredbrooklyn.com/kids.

OPENING RECEPTION: Tales of Breukelen features more than 300 artists. Free. 1–6 pm. Brooklyn Wa terfront Artists Coalition [499 Van Brunt St. in Red Hook, (718) 596-2506], www.bwac.org FASHION SHOW: 8 pm. See Friday,

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THINK GREEN®



Hunks: Derek Silverman (right) and Andrew Dermont are back with the Brooklyn Beefsteak on Sept. 25 at the Bell House.

Meat and more

Beefsteak is back – plus other news

owanus brings the beef, Boerum Hill's got the challah, and DUMBO's high on pizza pie in this week's hearty helping of delicious gossip:

G'Day and ni hao: The MooLifeGroup — which owns The Sunburnt Cow and Bondi Road in the East Village and the Sunburnt Calf on the Upper West Side — wants to show Brooklyn how to speak (and eat) Australian. The Feed reports that Vanderbilt Avenue is getting its very own Sunburnt Calf outpost, which boasts an



"Australasian" menu (Balinese-spiced chicken sticks) and drinks program (calamansi bourbon sours) designed by Summit Bar mixologist Greg Seider. Un petit bistro: Alan

Un petit bistro: Alan Park, the three Michelin starred chef who most recently worked at Rabbit Hole in Williamsburg, is heading up his first solo venture on S. Third Street and Driggs Avenue. Ac-

cording to Here's Williamsburg, a new Gallic-inspired spot, Bistro Petit, should be up and running by the end of the month.

Challah at ya boy:

The Jewish high holy day of Yom Kippur doesn't exactly scream good eating, but leave it to Mile End's member of the tribe Noah Bernamoff to turn it into a craveable affair. Catered Rosh Hashana feasts (and Yom Kippur break fasts), run \$75 for two people, and include brisket, cauliflower and parsnip kugel, salt cod and smoked trout, and blin-

tzes with fruit compote. Oy to the world! Here's the beef: It's

Here's the beef: It's that time again ... for gluttonous, carnivorous goodness at the Bell House in Gowanus! Brooklyn Beefsteak is back by popular demand on Sunday, Sept. 25, an all-you-can-eat beef and beer extravaganza in which participants are encouraged to shove slabs of glistening red meat into their gullets using little more than a hunk of white bread. Look, ma, just hands!

On the rise: Watch your back, Grimaldi's, there's a new pie-making sheriff in town! Wild Rise, an authentic Neapolitan slice shop, has opened at Jay and Water streets in DUMBO. The place gets its name from the wild yeast that gives its pies the classic taste and the seal of approval from all those purists in Naples.

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Marty books'em

Festival features heavy hitters

By Dan MacLeod The Brooklyn Paper

ulitzer winners, naughty bedtime books, gay cowboys and a sneak peak at Russell Banks's unreleased book — all that and more at this Sunday's Brooklyn Book Festival, the annual star-filled orgy for bibliophiles now in its sixth year.

The world-famous Borough Hall event is growing every year — and the festival's organizer promises this year to be bigger than the past five, as heavy-hitters incluing Joyce Carol Oates, Fran Leibowitz, and — inconceivably! — Wallace Shawn join nearly 300 authors for readings, talks, workshops and autograph sessions.

"If there's one main attraction this year, it's the big names," said Johnny Temple, chair of the Brooklyn Literary Council, who has run the festival for Borough President Markowitz since its inception six years ago. "Joyce Carol Oates is a big get for us."

get for us."

The big event is on Sunday, but the party lasts four days, with dozens of events "bookending" the festival.

Highlights include:

• Adam Mansbach, the



Wild Oats: Legendary author Joyce Carol Oates is making a cameo at Sunday's Brooklyn Book Festival.

author of "Go the F—k to Sleep," discussing parental frustration with Atlantic editor Ta-Nehisi Coates and

Alice Bradley.

• "Brokeback Mountain" screenwriters Larry
McMurtry and Diana Ossana discussing writing and
moviemaking.

•Local luminaries such as Pulitzer Prize-winner Jennifer Egan and Jonathan Safran Foer just being on hand to be awesome.

Don't feel bad if you bring your favorite book — your

autograph book.
Brooklyn Book Festival at Borough Hall [209 Joralemon St. between Adams and Court streets in Downtown, (718) 802-3700], Sept. 18. Other events, Sept. 15-17. For full list, visit www.brooklynbookfestival.org.





My favorite is 'The Kickstarter'

A mix of dark rum



Blueprint [196 Fifth Ave., between Union and Sackett streets in Park Slope, (718) 622-6644]. Open Mon-Fri, 4 pm-2 am; Sat-Sun, noon-2 am. For info, visit blueprintbrooklyn.wordpress.com.

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Winner theater

'Conni's Avant Garde Restaurant' dishes out

By Kate Briquelet

The Brooklyn Paper

his isn't your grandparents' dinner theater! It's "Conni's Avant Garde

Restaurant," where a nihilist lounge singer, tap-dancing beauty queen and other wayward souls serve a five-course meal to the tunes of Styx, Bowie and Aerosmith.

The supper club-cum-spectacle begins on Sept. 15 at Fort Greene's Irondale Center, where 80 guests will polish off a homecooked meal as the story unfolds around aging diva Muffin Character Hanshake, who gets pregnant to stay relevant.

We appeal to theater people and also the people who dread going," said Peter Lettre, who plays a withering former child star. "They read

anything they'd rather do less. We always end up wining them over."

Other oddballs - including a no-nonsense lunch lady, Southern barkeep and acrobat — weave into the extreme dramaturgy, too.

"You may or may not see Muffin conceive her baby, you may see a ballet that involves deer hunting, said Lettre. "It's comfortably participatory." The participatory part starts even

before the curtain rises, as ticketholders must choose a nametag during the pre-show cocktail ("Dick Tater" or "Susan B. Anthony Michael Hall," anyone?) and play the game show, "Bus That Table."

Connie Hall plays Sue, the sassy manager of the greasy spoon, but in reality, she sources all the victuals from farms in the Hudson River

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FULTON FLEA: Featuring

local designers. 10 am-6 pm. Brooklyn Plaza [650

Fulton St. between Fort

Greene Place and S. Elliott Place in Fort Greene, (917)

364-5648], www.fultonflea

TRILOK ARTIST MARKET:

11 am–5 pm. See Friday, Sept. 16.

OTHER

260 authors will be present. **Free**. 10 am–6 pm. Brook-

ralemon St. at Court Street

in Downtown), www.brook-

lynbookfestival.org.

STREET FAIR: Summer space is a day of activities, the

scavenger hunt, food

second annual dog show,

samples store discounts bicycle decorating, chalk

drawings and more. **Free**. 10 am–5 pm. Montague

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Hicks Street in Brooklyn

Join members of the Lit

Boardwalk (Surf Avenue

toral Society and help clean up the beach. 10 am–2 pm.

between Ocean Parkway at

W. Eighth Street in Coney

Island), www.nyaquarium.

com/nyaeducation.

BRIGHTON JUBILEE FESTI-

VAL: All day food, music and entertainment, fea-

turing the Strongest Arm

beginning at 1 pm. \$25 (\$20 women) competition

entry fee. 11 am. Brighton

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Avenue in Brighton Beach, (718) 544-4592], www.ny-

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lyn Borough Hall (209 Jo-

BOOK FESTIVAL: More than

the description and can't think of Valley. Guests will enjoy focaccia with ricotta; cucumber gazpacho; green bean salad; moussaka (meat and meatless!); and a chocolate brownie with blackberry compote.

The food is not canned and neither are the plots — it's all homemade story," Hall said.

About a dozen New York actors came up with "Conni's" during a summer performance of "As You Like It" in Maine. Back then, they saw an abandoned diner called Conni's Restaurant and dreamed of turning it into an offbeat cafeteria — though all they bought was the rusty sign.

What started as a one-off show in Bushwick is now a kooky East Coast sideshow in its fifth year. They performed in Cleveland and Cambridge last year and will return



Brooklyn fare: A spiteful former child star, an aging diva and a nihilistic lounge singer serve five-course sensations at Conni's Avant Garde Restaurant.

to the former in December.

And Ohio must love "Conni's," if one critic is any indication.

"It is safe to presume that you've never before experienced anything like 'Conni's,' "said Tony Brown of the Cleveland Plain Dealer. "It is a drunken (or at least buzzed) and debauched bacchanalia ... Give yourself over to absolute pleasure." Talk about hot in Cleveland. Conni's Avant Garde Restau-

rant at the Irondale Center [85 S. Oxford St. near Lafavette Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 488-9233], Sept. 15-25, 7 pm. Tickets, \$40-\$60. For info, visit www.

FORT GREENE PARK

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OUTDOORS AND TOURS

FOOD TRUCK RALLY: Enjoy offerings from some of the city's best food trucks. 11 am–5 pm. Grand Army Plaza (Union Street between Flatbush Avenue and Prospect Park West in Park Slope).

PERFORMANCE

THEATER, "THE WIZARD OF OZ": 2 pm. See Friday, Sept. 16.

MUSIC, EXPERIMENTAL ROCK: Cosa Brava fea turing Fred Frith, Carla Kihlstedt, Zeena Parkins, Matthias Bossi, Shahzad Ismaily and the NOrman Conquest. \$35-\$100. 8 pm Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Downtown, (917) 267-0363],

SALES AND MARKETS

CARROLL GARDENS pm. [Carroll and Smith streets in Carroll Gardens, (212) 788-7476], www.

grownyc.org.

ARTISTS AND FLEAS: 8 am-6 pm. See Saturday, Sept. 17.
CORTELYOU GREENMAR-KET: 8 am-6 pm. [Cortelyou Road between Argyle and Rugby roads in Ditmas Park, (212) 788-7476], www.

grownyc.org.
PARK SLOPE FLEA MARKET: 8 am–6 pm. See Saturday, Sept. 17.

BROOKLYN FLEA: Vintage antique, handmade, and food vendors. 10 am–5 pm (27 N. 6 St. at Kent Avenue in Williamsburg), www.

MON, SEPT. 19

OPEN REHEARSALS: Brooklyn's Sweet Adelines Bar-bershop Chorus welcomes singers of all voice ranges. Free. 7:30 pm. Call for location, (718) 833-3399.

MUSIC, THE NECKS: 8 pm Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Down www.roulette.org.

TUES, SEPT. 20

BROOKLYN BOROUGH am-6 pm. See Saturday, Sept. 17.

PROSTATE SCREENING: For all men. Free. 1–7 pm. Long Island College Hospi-tal [339 Hicks St., near the corner of Atlantic Avenue in Cobble Hill, (718) 780-2860].

OPEN MIC: Reading series hosted by Patricia Car-ragon with featured poets Amy Leigh Cutler and Ron-nie Norpel. Free. 7 pm. Tillie's [248 DeKalb Ave. at Vanderbilt Avenue in Fort Greene, (718) 783-6140], www.tilliesofbrooklyn.com.

MUSIC, KAFFE MATTHEWS, CAMILLA HOITENGA: 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. at Third Avenue in Downtown, (212) 219-8242], www.roulette.org.

MUSIC, ELECTRONIC/ ACOUSTIC ROCK: Featuring Kaffe Matthews and Camilla Hoitenga. \$15 (\$10 members and students). 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave at Third Avenue Ave. at Third Avenue in Downtown, (917) 267-0363], www.roulette.org

WED, SEPT. 21

BROOKLYN BOUNTY: Celebrating the borough's food diversity and sustainability

MEET RABBI DINA ROSEN-BERG: And have a frozen yogurt and fresh fruit sun-dae. **Free**. 8 pm. Bay Ridge Jewish Center [405 81st St.

movement. \$150. 6:30-9:30

pm. Brooklyn Historical So-ciety [128 Pierrepont St. at Clinton Street in Brooklyn Heights, (718) 222-4111],

at Fourth Avenue in Bay Ridge, (718) 836-3103]. THURS, SEPT. 22 BROOKLYN BOROUGH HALL GREENMARKET: 8

am-6 pm. See Saturday, Sept. 17. PROSTATE SCREENING: 4-7 pm. See Tuesday, Sept. 20. MUSIC, MORTON SUBOT-NICK & TONY MARTIN, GEORGE LEWIS & WET INK ENSEMBLE: 8 pm. Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave at Third Avenue in Down-

town, (212) 219-8242], town, (212) 219-8242J, www.roulette.org. THEATER, "THE HOARDING SHOW": Carole DAgos-tino's puppet performance explores the history of obsessive hoarding and obsessive noarding and hoarders, using table-top figures and shadow puppets. \$25.8 pm. The Clockworks-Puppet The-ater [196 Columbia St. be-tween Sackett and Degraw streets in Columbia Street

streets in Columbia Street

Waterfront District, (212) 614-0001], www.cosmicbi-

FRI, SEPT. 23

TRILOK ARTIST MARKET: 10 am-5 pm. See Friday, Sept. 16.

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DUMBO ARTS FESTIVAL: 15th annual multidisciplinary event features over 500 artists, 120 open art studios and 40 live performances. Sponsored by Two Trees Management

and AT&T. 6–9 pm. Brooklyn waterfront (Manhattan and Brooklyn bridges in DUMBO), dumboartsfestival.com.

THEATER, "BROOKLYN UNDERGROUND — THEATRICAL STORIES FROM GREEN-WOOD CEMETERY": Original play performed by the Artful Conspirators. \$20. 8 pm. Green-Wood Cemetery [Fifth Avenue and 25th Street in Sunset Park, (718) 768-7300], www.

areen-wood.com THEATER, "THE HOARD. ING SHOW": 8 pm. See Thursday, Sept. 22.

SAT, SEPT. 24

OUTDOORS AND TOURS BIRDING 101: Noon. See Sat-

urday, Sept. 17. PERFORMANCE

MUSIC, THE BOSSY FROG BAND: Plus Rioult, and Manhattan Brass plus refreshments and prizes. Free. Noon–5 pm. Kings-borough Community Col-lege [2001 Oriental Blvd. at Decatur Avenue in Manhat tan Beach, (718) 368-5596], www.onstageatkingsbor-

www.onstageatkingsbor-ough.org.
THEATER, "BROOKLYN UN-DERGROUND": 3 and 8 pm. See Friday, Sept. 23. THEATER, "THE HOARDING SHOW": 8 pm. See Thurs-day, Sept. 22.

SALES AND MARKETS

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Casting away

Wickman's sculptures take over a nook at the Brooklyn Museum

By Aaron Short The Brooklyn Paper

merging artists have a new home — the Brooklyn Museum. The borough's museum is kicking off its fall sea-

is kicking off its fall season with "Raw/Cooked," a series of five back-to-back exhibitions featuring artists who have never shown in a gallery before, let alone a world-class museum.

The first of the 10-week shows features Bushwick-based builder, Kristof Wickman, who has stashed cast sculptures of everyday organic objects throughout a hall-way on the museum's second floor.

"Casting organic forms is interesting to me—it took a long time to form the way they are," said Wickman. "You're freezing it at a certain moment, stopping time almost."

A master caster, Wickman dips pumpkins, donut holes, and fake rocks into wax. Then he takes the wax, makes another mold and the bronze they were.'

casts it in bronze, ceramic or a water-based resin.

Finally, he adds flourishes such as painting the object, polishing it with bowler's wax, or adding a smattering of polymer clay sprinkles.

Wickman and the museum's curator, Eugenie Tsai, have selected striking pieces such as a octagonal platform supported by resin boulders, a silicone cast of Wickman's own arm clutching a yoga ball, and two bronze pumpkins resting on a metal trampoline—a welcoming autumnal image.

"We do not encourage toddlers to climb on top of any of them," said Tsai. If you look closely

enough, you can spot tiny cast bronze "munchkins" squashed under other artworks.

"I was attracted to the name 'munchkins,'" said Wickman. "I took the molds to the Jewelry District, handed them [to the bronzers] and they never even asked what In the middle of the exhibition, some of Wickman's more abstract creations — including a human tush covered in candy-colored sprinkles — are interspersed with historic objects from the museum's archive, such as a Pueblo wooden chair, an alabaster vessel, and a Rodin bronze sculpture called

"Damned Women."
Artists in the series are encouraged to take advantage the museum's vast collections in their exhibits, though it is not a requirement—though Wickman has embraced the suggestion

"If it makes too much sense, I add something else — or take something away," said Wickman. "Abstract form of specific objects — that's the goal."

"Raw/Cooked: Kristof Wickman" at The Brooklyn Museum [200 Eastern Pkwy. at Washington Avenue in Prospect Heights, (718) 638-5000], opens Sept. 16. Closed Mondays and Tuesdays.









Hands on: (Clockwise from top left) Sculptor Kristof Wickman, seen holding a cast his face on a pumpkin, is about to fill the Brooklyn Museum with his edgy work, including a ceramic piece of his own fingers and nose; a seually suggestive sculpture of a human derriere covered in inviting, candy-colored sprinkles; and two bronze pumpkins in a metal trampoline.



Reed this weekend! Director Jim Staley gets ready.

Spinning Roulette

Opening weekend for new arts space

By Kate Briquelet The Brooklyn Paper

he legendary Lou Reed, string quartets with hip-hop beats and a film-noir guitarist will play Roulette this weekend — ushering in the grand opening of Brooklyn's newest exper-

imental music hall.

Located in the YMCA's old theater on Third and Atlantic avenues, Roulette joins Fort Greene's BAM and Galapagos Art Space in DUMBO as a premier venue for

avant-garde performance.
"We're bringing people to artists they don't know," said Director Jim Staley, who founded Roulette in a Manhattan loft in 1978.

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Roulette [509 Atlantic Ave. between Third Avenue and Nevins Street in Boerum Hill, (212) 219-8242]. For info, visit www.roulette.org.

"Sometimes you brush off music when you hear it, but when you see it live, it's very engaging — you understand it much better."

Reed, Laurie Anderson, and John Zorn will storm the stage on Saturday, following Friday's performances by improvising quartet Ethel and offbeat guitarist Marc Ribot. Cosa Brava, a rockbased world-music quartet, will appear on Sunday.

The season will also feature Australian cult band The Necks; four nights of saxophonist Anthony Braxton; an All Saints' Day choir; and an accordion-infused orchestra.

Staley said Roulette spent about \$1.5 million to transform the YMCA's dilapidated Art Deco theater into a revolutionary stage. The venue features massive projection screens, high-end lighting, and a lobby that will soon become

an art installation itself.

It's a far cry from Roulette's former home in a modest SoHo gallery, and Staley plans to bring dance troupes, multimedia projects, other adventurous art to the community.

"It's meant to be accessible to a lot of people," Staley said. "If you don't like one thing, you can come back again and it will be completely different."

Tickets start at \$35 for open-

ing weekend, but most shows will \$15 or less, providing an inexpensive dose of high-art to Boerum Hill — a community on the edge of the \$1-billion Barclays Center, which will serve up performances of a slightly different dimension.

Indeed, Community Board 2 denied Roulette a liquor license in August — citing residents' fears that the theater could be a rowdy bar in disguise.

Roulette staff secured a temporary permit to serve booze during opening weekend, but until they get a liquor license, the remainder of the season will be alcohol-free.

"We understood we may not get the license on time," said Sarah Scandiffio, director of special events. "We're just excited to be in the Brooklyn community first and foremost."

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Kids are saddened by death of Aggie the cow

By Alfred Ng

for The Brooklyn Paper

Children are still crying over spilled milk after hearing last Wednesday that Aggie, the Prospect Park Zoo's beloved cow, died at age 18 of natural causes.

A Dexter cow, Aggie lived in the barnyard since her birth in 1993, sharing space with sheep, miniature horses and those pesky alpacas. She died on Aug. 25.

Her staccato moos frightened generations of children,



but also cheered kids of all ages, many of whom wrote notes that filled her "moo box" and covered a corkboard inside the barn.

"You are beautiful and



A tyke offers her somber assessment of the nowempty stall. Aggie (left) was 18.

I would never want to eat you," wrote one young fan (who clearly miscast affection as vegetarianism). Another wrote, "Dearest Agatha, you are the color to my rainbow..."

Zoo officials said that they will get another cow to replace Aggie and are still deciding on the breed. The Wildlife Conservation Society, which runs the city zoos, refused to answer questions about whether an autopsy had been conducted or how the body was disposed of. Dexter cows live an aver-

age of 15-20 years. Aggie was strong as an ox and slick as a fox. The Daily News reported in April that Aggie learned how to open the barn doors and eat some of the alpacas' hay. (Take that, pesky alpacas!)

"Aggie will be greatly missed," said Denise Mc-Clean, director of the Zoo. "People grew up visiting her and came back to the zoo to see her through the years. She

had a big personality and loved

Kids agreed.

"When my kids talk about animals, they always talk about how much they love the cow," said Desiree Vazquez, whose 8-year-old twins Nina and Camelo had to satisfy themselves with a fake wooden version of Aggie a few feet from the barn.

Children were wondering where the cow was, not knowing Aggie had left for the big barn in the sky.

"When I told my kids Aggie was sick, they wanted to come to the zoo and take Aggie and snuggle with her until she was better," Zama Coursen-Neff said.

Tim Wilkins and his daughter Emma, 3, visited Aggie once a week.

"We would go to her, and say thank you for the milk, the butter and the cheese,' she said.

Aggie did not have actually produced dairy on prairies, but she was a source of inspiration for Cathleen Bell's Little Blog On the Prairie. 'My only knowledge of

how to milk a cow or what a cow looked like was from Aggie," she said. "I spent some time here watching and studying her mannerisms.



Artists celebrated the closing of Monster Island after seven years in Williams burg by pouring cans of paint over the roof of the building on Sunday.

Monster's ball

Williamsburg's dying do-it-yourself arts scene lost another sanctuary on Sunday when Monster Island shut down — and made its last artistic statement in the process.

The two-story complex perched at the edge of the East River was an art collective, art studios, a screenprinting lab, the Mollusk Surf Shop, and countless parties, exhibition openings and concerts featuring some of the city's most renowned indie rock bands.

To mourn the closing, artist Maya Hayuk and two dozen volunteers scaled the roof

ing these Romanesque Re- the designation," Stanton

and dumped more than 60 cans of acrylic down the side of the building — with permission of the landlord. The result was a drippy cross between

the scholarly drip work of Jackson Pollock and a Nickelodeon TV sliming.

"It felt like the simplest action that would be a proverbial curtain drawn over the project — enclosing it rather than seeing a wrecking ball go through," said Hayuk, who is moving her studio to East Williams-— Aaron Short

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The "Skyscraper" district comprises 21 buildings along Court Street from Montague Street to Livingston Street, including the already landmarked Borough Hall; 13-story Temple Bar Building on Court

Street; the 35-story Montague-Court Building at 16 Court St.; and the Municipal Building, which will soon be transformed into a mini-mall.

The Brooklyn Heights Association, a powerful neighborhood group, has pushed for the designation since 2004 in hopes of savvival and Beaux-Arts structures. Executive Director Judy

Stanton said it would be ridiculous not to landmark 75 Livingston St., a 1927 building described as a "wedding cake" for its tiers and neo-Romanesque details. It's among the most beautiful of the bunch.

"Folks will soon learn they will not be forced out of their building due to the costs of said. "Brooklyn will be much better for it. Ellen Murphy, president

of the 75 Livingston co-op board, countered that residents already spent \$6 million in the last 22 years to renovate their building's façade. She slammed Landmarks for putting roadblocks on people who are already good stewards to their building.

The City Planning Commission has 60 days to apif enough residents rally against it. Borough President Markowitz last week came out against the inclusion of the building, so there is still hope that it could be sliced out of the zone. "I'm very upset about our building, but it's not over,"

Ingram said. "Now we have to start lobbying."

GUNMAN.

Continued from page 1 with children and families

"We're working with detectives to see what's going on—if the suspect has a partner or a brother that looks a lot like him," Tasso said.

The spike in park robberies started this summer, when thieves plucked people's phones during the day and pummeled victims at night. It was enough for cops to increase patrols and for a local karate instructor to teach women self-defense in the urban oasis itself.

But muggings have been

Paleades 0 Kids

rampant both inside and within blocks of the park despite police promises of

Last week, the arrested suspect attacked park-goers at least three times, cops said:

increased surveillance.

• He first ambushed three Prison Ship Martyrs Mon-

ument at 8 pm. Sara Thompson, a 22-year-

old Manhattanite, was with her boyfriend and a friend at when the goon came from behind, flashed a gun and swiped \$200.

'This guy was so nonchalant about it and telling us to hurry up or he was going to blow my friend's head off," Thompson said. "It was unbelievably real and very scary people on Sept. 5 near the that he did it in front of ev-

wick allow more experimen-

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like Cinders and Secret Proj-

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of shows, and that's great, but

I don't think they're the same

But Cinders' co-founder

Kelie Bowman worries that

"blue-chip" galleries will ig-

thing," said Vartanian.

On Sept. 6, he jumped a 30-year-old woman at St. Edwards Street and Myrtle Avenue at 9:30 pm, taking

• On Sept. 9, he attacked a woman on a bench at St. Edwards and Willoughby streets at 3:50 pm and took \$44.

her jewelry and cash.

Tasso said the suspect was arrested after "a very strong ID was made out of a mug books." But Thompson believes the guy who attacked her is still out there

- she couldn't identify him in a lineup.
"This has definitely

changed my mind about moving to Fort Greene," Thompson said. "Sometimes it's just not as safe as you would think."

According to NYPD data, there were 33 robberies in Fort Greene and Clinton Hill over the last month, compared to 16 during the same period last year.

with Thomas Tracy

ARTISTS...

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replacing Not an Alternative's storefront, which is across the street from the Knitting Factory, a slew of pricey restaurants and bars, and a high-

"This is a dramatically changing neighborhood," said Not an Alternative's Beka Economopoulos, whose rent shot up from \$2,400 to \$6.000 per month in August. "The hipster is on its way out and there is a new breed of resi-

dent here now." And what a long, strange

trip it's been Artists first moved to the neighborhood's northside and waterfront in the 1970s, attracted to large warehouses that once housed working fac-

Over the next 20 years, they converted these buildings into lofts and art studios. By 1990 there were an estimated 2,000 artists living

in Williamsburg.
In the 1990s, a handful of galleries led by Pierogi Gallery on N. Ninth Street and Eyewash on N. Seventh Street opened, and artists such as Fred Tomaselli, David Opdvke, Lisa Hein and Bob Sein began to receive more atten-

tion from the art world

But as more artists and young professionals moved into Williamsburg over the next decade, the common New York plotline played out: new stores opened and real-estate prices began to rise

The neighborhood's rezoning in 2005 further encouraged condo development, pricing out hardscrabble artists and art spaces.

The latest closures are part of a downward trend in the art gallery world. Momenta Art, Nurture Art, and Cinders Gallery have decamped from Williamsburg in search of cheaper spaces further east and north.

Momenta Art and Nurture Art have relocated to a loft building on Grattan Street in East Williamsburg while Cinders is looking for a new "Times around here are

difficult for art spaces," said Marissa Sage, founder of Like the Spice Gallery. "It makes sense that they're moving. It's cheaper in Bushwick and more experimental spaces are moving there because they don't have to worry as much for

Williamsburg art critic Hrag Vartanian of Hyperallergic said that the change isn't necessarily for the worse and pointed to several "polished" galleries quietly popping up in north Brooklyn including Rawson Projects, Soloway Gallery and Devotion Gallery.

"The lower rents of Bush-

nore newcomers in favor of established artists. 'So many of my favorite

places to see art have disappeared," said Bowman. "Now the galleries are less likely to risk doing shows with emerging artists. How does the working artist provide for themselves when they are not selling to the mega rich?"

Economopoulos, who is moving her space to a thirdfloor warehouse building off

West Street, is optimistic that her venture will keep North Brooklynites engaged in political and social activism. But she is still shocked at how fast Wil-

liamsburg has changed. "At our space we were dedicated to how we can leverage our role as hipsters to do something about [gentrification]," said Economopoulos. "But we fell victim to the very narrative that we aimed

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moving. I was putting my apartment on the market, selling it with most of the furniture intact, and hightailing it out of this pressure cooker of a place, out of Park Slope, out to the country.

I spent most of the summer blissfully on the North Fork and it would be a much better, happier more relaxed place to raise the kids. I could stop listening to people blather on about recycling and eating local and move to a place where you actually brought your own garbage to the dump and separated each bottle and can yourself, where you had room to compost (if you cared to) right outside the kitchen door, where nearby farms and the bay beyond could provide most of what you needed, if you were willing to eat things according to season, willing to pull those fishing rods out of the shed and deal with the bloody mess of bait and tackle..

Then, I picked my kids up from sleepaway camp.

"How are we going to break it to them?" Big G had asked, after we decided that the move was a good one, worked out a way for him to commute from his job in the city — that is, until we could start living the other dream: becoming vintners or chicken farmers, opening a store or a café.

'Not right away," I said. "Let's tell them slowly, after we've gotten used to each other again. We don't want



By Stephanie Thompson

to scare them."

But, like how he'd proposed, down on one knee before the door to our little Chicago apartment was even shut behind us, so excited he could burst, the news was out of his mouth just barely after our little dirty campers sat down in the car.

"We're moving, to Cutchogue," he said.

They were calm and equally as sure as we were.

"No!" they said in unison from the back seat. Oscar in a scratchy, hadn't-slept-in-twoweeks rasp, Eli firm and confident as when he won't eat a croissant that isn't from Col-

My resolve wavered. I had thought, stupidly, that being away from Brooklyn for many weeks, not seeing their friends or their things, would teach them that no one and nothing there mattered, that they could start fresh in a new place they already knew and loved, take today as day one on a new "We love Park Slope," Eli

said, ever the loyalist. "We're not moving.' I smiled. Quietly, catch-

ing eyes with my husband, I

said, almost under my breath, We'll see...

Decisions can be made so handily alone, even, often, with one's spouse. But then you remember: the children actually have to be considered. That's the thing about parenting.

Would they be fine at a new school, would they make new friends, thrive as they had the last few years at their sweet little Park Slope public school? Probably, but what if they hated it, what if they were miserable from the minute we moved? What if we were bored and claustrophobic in winter like everyone said we'd be (as if winter can't be boring and claustrophobic anywhere)?

I knew the decision was still ours, we were the adults after all, or at least, that's how we tried to make it appear even when we weren't feeling it. But holding these little people's lives in our hands, making changes they didn't want put a great weight on us.

I decided, this time for sure again, that we would hold off, at least start them in their same school as planned. The first day was just weeks away after all, it would be crazy to turn everything on its ear without further consideration, without showing them that maybe Mommy and Daddy were onto something thinking the country life should hold sway over the stresses of the city...

As I thought about it, as we returned to Park Slope and my kids saw friends they hadn't seemed to miss all summer and fell right back in where they left off, it occurred to me: the country and the city weren't so vastly different, not so much for them, or really, post-solstice, for us. The stress-free days of

summer, with schedules even at my husband's office slightly askew from the more straight workweeks of other seasons, would have to come to an end, regardless. I would have to get the kids in bed before midnight, make sure they sometimes showered and get them up before 11. City or country, Oscar would have to try to ingest something before his new favored meal of a fresh farmer's market donut.

Talking with friends similarly tempted by vacations in slower-paced places to make a major change of location, many of them had been forced into the same realization.

"I talked to one guy who'd moved to the Berkshires and he said, 'It's all the same: soc-

cer, play-dates, work..." We sat back with a simultaneous sigh against the white leather of the funky couch where we sipped our mommy's night out at a Fifth Avenue Middle Eastern restaurant. We would miss places like this, we would miss each other. Oh well. It turns out, this age and stage ain't easy, no matter where, turns out there was no magic bullet, no "right" thing. God knows this wasn't new, the New Yorker's nightly back and forth about Whether It Was Worth It.

I'd said it to the kids honestly, as I say to myself, "We'll see." In the meantime, we'll enjoy where we are, know it's mostly perception that makes one love or hate any place. The fact that my kids love where they live gives me great joy, and I want that always to be true.

Maybe there is, after all, some halfway point, some meeting in the middle. The smiling chicken farmer who greeted us in the country this past weekend in mustard overalls as my kids ran around pulling warms eggs out from under furry feathers in his coops shook his head when I acknowledged my envy of his slow-paced life.

"Oh," he said, correcting my misguided assumption as I eyed his leased patch of land. "I'm a lawyer in the city during the week. And my 20-year-old is not that happy about it."

We laughed. "Kids..." I said. Sometimes we can't listen to them. But sometimes we should. The trick is knowing when.

"It's an offensive profitsharing model," Engelman

Some students who spoke at the rally agreed, lambasting the private university's administrators — such as president David Steinberg, who makes more than \$600,000 per year, according to The Chronicle of Higher Education - as money-hungry and disconnected from campus.

Professors said that they don't consider the battle completely over.

"It's wake-up call to management," said Michael Pelias, a philosophy profes-



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In the end, about 70 percent of the roughly 180 faculty members — who packed into Lafayette Avenue Presbyterian Church for a vote on Monday—supported the new contract, although some said they simply felt pressured to get back to teaching instead of dragging out the conflict.

Students, activists and elected officials - Councilwoman Letitia James (D-

Fort Greene) and state Sen. Eric Adams (D-Fort Greene) among them - flooded the church after the vote for a rally to support faculty, calling it an important battle for social justice and labor rights.

The walkout — which is the seventh faculty strike in at the school in the past 34 years — began with faculty hitting the picket lines outside the DeKalb Avenue campus on the first day of school last Wednesday, frustrating students who pay between \$30,000 and 40,000 annually and found empty class-

During the strike, a spokes-

11,000-student campus was simply trying to be "fiscally responsible" during difficult financial times, citing a sevenpercent drop in the university's overall enrollment in the past year.

man for the school said that the

Professors fired back that the university is only spending 13 percent of its annual budget on teachers. Professors added that the school's emphasis on capital projects -like a wellness center, new graduate dorms and a fancy stadium — were also a sign

that teachers are not a top priority. Administrators hailed the new contract as a success even as teachers have mixed feelings. "We are gratified that we

were able to achieve a fair and equitable resolution," school Provost Gale Stevens Haynes said in a statement. Under the new contract,

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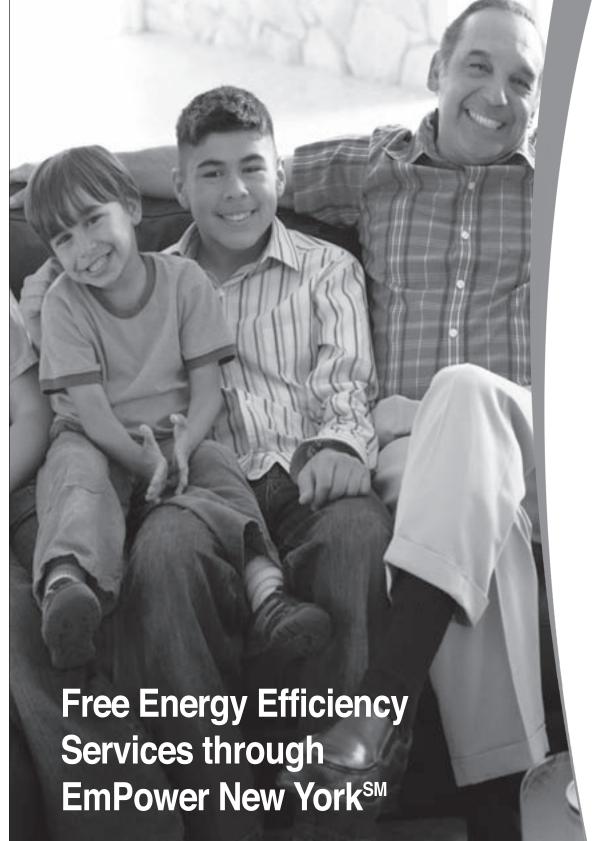
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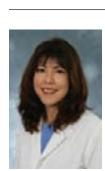
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